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*New York, Colony of - General Assembly.*



VOTES *and* PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
Colony of *NEW-YORK.*



*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 6th January, 1774.*

**H**IS Excellency WILLIAM TRYON, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Colony of *New-York*, having, on the 8th Day of *March* last, prorogued the General Assembly to the 4th Day of *May* thence following; and by several Proclamations, from Time to Time since published, further prorogued them to this Day: In Consequence whereof, Eleven Members attending in the Assembly Chamber, in the City-Hall, in the City of *New-York*, they directed Mr. Speaker to take the Chair, and desired Mr. *Kissam*, and Mr. *Jauncey*, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him that there are not a sufficient Number of Members met to proceed upon Business, and that they intend to adjourn 'till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

And then Mr. Speaker adjourned the House 'till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 7th January, 1774.*

Pursuant to Adjournment of Yesterday, fourteen Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House 'till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 8th January, 1774.*

A Majority of the Members not being yet met, Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House 'till *Monday* next, 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

*Die Lunæ, 10 ho. A. M. the 10th January, 1774.*

A sufficient Number of Members not appearing to make a House, Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House 'till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Dis Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 11th January, 1774.*

Thirteen Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and adjourned the House 'till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 12th January, 1774.*

Sixteen Members appearing in the Assembly Chamber, Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Thomas* and Mr. *Boerum* wait on his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him that a sufficient Number of Members are met to proceed upon Business, and that they wait his Directions.

Mr. *Thomas* reported, That Mr. *Boerum*, and himself, had waited on his Excellency the Governor, and delivered their Message; and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, he would come up to the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall, at One o'Clock, and send a Message to the House.

• A Message



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A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Banyar, Deputy Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker,*

*His Excellency the Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.*

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly ; and being returned, resumed the Chair, and reported, That his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to the House ; of which, to prevent Mistakes, he had obtained a Copy ; and the same being read, is as followeth, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Council, and  
Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

“ WHILE in the utmost Agony of Mind for the Safety of my Family,  
“ I lately beheld my own Interest and the Province House involved  
“ in one common Ruin ; I felt the strongest Emotions of Regret for the  
“ Demolition of that Mansion, particularly after your liberal Grant for its  
“ Repair.—My Anxiety also was infinitely increased by the imminent Danger  
“ which threatened the whole City.

“ WHATEVER may have been the unhappy Cause, I cannot but adore the  
“ peculiar Interposition of divine Providence, in suffering but one of my  
“ Servants to fall a Victim to the rapid and resistless Fury of the Flames ;  
“ at the same Time, my warmest Gratitude is due to the Almighty, that by  
“ the powerful Exertions of the Citizens, and Military, this Metropolis was  
“ preserved from the destructive Calamity.

“ THE real Consolation it would give me to learn how the Fire was  
“ communicated to the Council Chamber, where it was first discovered, and  
“ most probably originated, has induced me to order the Depositions of  
“ several of my Servants to be taken, that as much of this unhappy Event  
“ may be known as can be traced. From their Testimony, and their  
“ regular and careful Conduct, I cannot help entertaining, at least, a violent  
“ Presumption, that this Misfortune did not owe its Birth to any Neglect on  
“ their Part, or Accident within their Power to prevent ; but rather to some  
“ concealed Fire between the Wainscot and Chimney.

“ I MOST sincerely lament the imperfect Manner in which I am obliged  
“ to lay before you much of the Business I had digested for your Deliberation  
“ this Session, the Materials and Papers I had collected for that Purpose being  
“ destroyed.

“ IN Consequence of the Laws passed by this Colony and the Province of  
“ the MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, the Commissaries appointed by each  
“ Government have since your Recess, met at HARTFORD, and in the  
“ Presence, and with the Consent, of the respective Governors entered into  
“ an Agreement for settling the Line of Jurisdiction between the two  
“ Provinces, which I now lay before You. It has already been transmitted  
“ for His Majesty's Approbation, and as I cannot doubt its receiving the  
“ Royal Sanction, a final Period must soon be put to a Controversy which,  
“ for many Years, has not only effected the Property but greatly disturbed  
“ the Tranquility of many of His Majesty's Subjects in both Governments.

“ To



“ To remove the Difficulties which obstructed the Completion of the  
 “ Line, in Part run, between this Province and QUEBEC, I visited that  
 “ Government the last Summer, and from the Measures concerted with  
 “ Lieutenant-Governor CRAMAHE, promised myself the Business would  
 “ have been effected before the Approach of Winter ; but the Survey being  
 “ protracted from the low Marshy Soil through which the Line passes, and  
 “ a Series of unfavourable Weather : The Provisions of the Party were  
 “ exhausted, and being disappointed in their Expectations of a seasonable  
 “ Supply, the Surveyors were compelled to abandon the Work, leaving  
 “ unfinished, as they report, a Space not exceeding Ten Miles to Lake  
 “ ST. FRANCOIS, where the Survey was to have terminated.

*Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

“ BESIDES the Provision for the Support of Government, and the necessary  
 “ Supplies for His Majesty's Troops, which I recommend to You, some  
 “ Expences have been incurred for Repairs and other Services, and being of  
 “ real Utility, I flatter myself they will be considered by You as meriting a  
 “ publick Allowance.

*Gentlemen of the Council, and  
 Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

“ THE Contests which have arisen between the NEW-YORK Grantees  
 “ and the Claimants under NEW-HAMPSHIRE, and the Outrages committed  
 “ on the Settlers under this Government, having been productive of much  
 “ Confusion and Disorder, and requiring immediate Consideration ; His  
 “ Majesty has been graciously pleased to command me to repair to ENGLAND,  
 “ for a short Time, to attend the Discussion of this important Matter.

“ IMPRESSED with the most cordial Affection for a People, who thro'  
 “ the whole Course of my Administration have honoured me with every  
 “ possible Mark of Regard and Esteem, permit me to assure You, that  
 “ during my Absence I shall cheerfully embrace every Opportunity of  
 “ promoting to the fullest Extent of my Power, the Reputation, Interest,  
 “ and Happiness of this respectable Province.

NEW-YORK, the 12th }  
 Day of Jan. 1774. }

WM. TRYON.

And then the Copy of the Agreement mentioned in his Excellency's Speech, for settling a Line of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, being also read, was ordered to be entered on the Journals, and is as followeth, viz.

**T**HIS AGREEMENT indented, made the eighteenth day of May, in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of his most gracious Majesty GEORGE the Third, King of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, between JOHN WATTS, WILLIAM SMITH, ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, and WILLIAM NICOLL, Esquires, duly authorized to make such Agreement by Virtue of a Law of the Province of *New-York*, of the one



one Part; and WILLIAM BRATTLE, JOSEPH HAWLEY, and JOHN HANCOCK, Esquires, thereunto also duly authorized by Virtue of a Law of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, of the other Part,—Witnesseeth, That the Commissaries aforesaid being met at *Hartford* in the Colony of *Connecticut*, for the Settlement of a Partition Line of Jurisdiction between the said Provinces of *New-York* and the *Massachusetts-Bay*, on the easterly Part of the said Province of *New-York*, and from the South to the North Boundaries of the said *Massachusetts-Bay*, in pursuance of the said Laws and certain Commissions respectively issued to the Commissaries abovenamed by the Governors of the Provinces aforesaid, and in Compliance with the Royal Recommendation heretofore signified to Sir HENRY MOORE, Baronet, and FRANCIS BERNARD, Esquire, the then Governors of the said Provinces, by Letters from the Right Honourable the Earl of SHELBURN, late one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State; and after having had divers Conferences relative to the aforesaid Boundary of the said Provinces, they the said Commissaries do thereupon unanimously agree, that the following Line, *That is to say*, A Line beginning at a Place fixed upon by the two Governments of *New-York* and *Connecticut*, in or about the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, for the northwest Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called the *Oblong*, or equivalent Land; and running from the said Corner North twenty one Degrees, ten Minutes and thirty Seconds East, as the magnetic Needle now points to the North Line of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, shall at all Times hereafter be the Line of Jurisdiction between the said Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and the said Province of *New-York*, in all and every Part and Place where the said Province of *New-York* on its Eastern Boundary shall adjoin on the said Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*. In Testimony whereof the Commissaries aforesaid have hereunto set their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above mentioned.

JOHN WATTS,

(LS)

WILLIAM SMITH,

(LS)

ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON,

(LS)

WILLIAM NICOLL,

(LS)

WILLIAM BRATTLE,

(LS)

JOSEPH HAWLEY,

(LS)

JOHN HANCOCK,

(LS)

*Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of*  
 ELIPHALET DYER,  
 WM. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

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WE the Governors of the Provinces aforesaid, having been present at the Execution of the Agreement aforesaid, in Testimony of our Consent thereto, and of our Approbation thereof, have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, at *Hartford* aforesaid, this Eighteenth Day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, and the Thirteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

WM. TRYON,

(LS)

T. HUTCHINSON,

(LS)

*Sealed and Delivered }  
in the Presence of }*

ELIPHALET DYER,  
WM. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

*Ordered,*

That his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

*Resolved,*

That the same be taken into Consideration immediately.

*Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare the said Address, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

*Ordered,*

That the further Consideration of his Excellency's Speech be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and that the same be taken into Consideration by the said Committee To-morrow.

*Ordered,*

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed from Time to Time, being first perused and signed by the Speaker; and that no other Person but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Ordered,*

That the Grand Committee for Grievances, do sit every *Wednesday* in the Afternoon, in the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Grand Committee for Courts of Justice, do sit every *Thursday* in the Afternoon, in the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Grand Committee for Trade, do sit every *Friday* in the Afternoon, in the House.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Thomas*, Mr. *De Noyelles*, Col. *Seaman*, Mr. *Boerum*, Mr. *Brinckerhoff*, Col. *Schuyler*, and Mr. *Van Cortlandt*, or the major Part of them, be a Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that all Members that come have Voices; that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records; that they meet every *Tuesday* and *Friday* at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, in the House; that they may adjourn to any other Place; and that they report their Proceedings, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House, from Time to Time.

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*Ordered,*



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*Ordered,*

That Capt. *Seaman*, Mr. *Wilkins*, Mr. *Van Kleeck*, and Mr. *Rapalje*, or any three of them, be a Committee to see what Laws are expired or near expiring; and to report to the House from Time to Time, which of them they judge necessary to be revived, or continued; and likewise what new Laws they shall conceive necessary to be made for the Benefit of this Colony.

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in further to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, imported into this Colony therein mentioned*; and that Col. *Seaman* and Mr. *Jauncey* prepare and bring in the same.

The Committee of Correspondence laid before the House, several Letters received during its Recess from *Edmund Burke*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, together with the Copies of several Letters to him; and the same being read,

*Ordered,*

That the said Letters and Copies lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Mr. Speaker then informed the House, that he had since the last Session, received the following Letters from the Speakers of several of the Houses of Assembly on this Continent (inclosing the Copies of sundry Resolutions entered into by them) *to wit,*

A Letter from *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*.

A Letter from *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Deputies of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*.

A Letter from *Thomas Cushing*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*.

A Letter from *Ebenezer Silliman*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Connnecticut*.

A Letter from *Cesar Rodney*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Counties of *Newcastle, Kent and Sussex*, upon *Delaware*.

And a Letter from *Matthew Tilghman*, Esq; Speaker of the lower House of Assembly of the Province of *Maryland*.

Mr. Speaker then also laid before the House the Copies of sundry Letters he sent in Answer to the foregoing; and the said Letters and Copies of Letters, together with the Resolutions therein mentioned; being severally read,

*Ordered,*

That the same be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 13th January, 1774.*

The Order of the Day being read for taking into Consideration the Letters from the Speakers of the several Houses of Assembly, the Resolutions entered into by them, and the Copies of Letters sent in Answer thereto, laid before the House Yesterday by Mr. Speaker; but several Members being absent, it was therefore

*Ordered,*

That the said Letters and Resolutions be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and that they proceed to the Consideration thereof on *Tuesday* next.

Mr. *De Lancey* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to impower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *New-York*, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. for the Uses to be therein mentioned; and for a Bill to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Dangers arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New-York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour.*

*Ordered,* That Leave be given accordingly.

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The House (according to Order of Yesterday) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Excellency's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kiffam reported from the said Committee, that they had made some Progress therein, and had directed him to move that they may have Leave to set again,

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration on *Saturday* next, And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 14th January, 1774.*

Mr. Jauncey, according to Order, presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act further to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony, therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. De Lancey, according to Leave, presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. for the Uses therein mentioned*. And also a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New-York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour*; which were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Jauncey moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New-York*.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. De Lancey moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New-York, chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned*.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Kiffam moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

Capt. Seaman from the Committee appointed to see what Laws are expired, or near expiring, reported, that he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House, that the following Acts are near expiring, *to wit.*

*An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York.*

And an Act to revive an Act, entitled, *An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence, with an Addition thereto.*

And that the Committee are of Opinion that a Bill should be brought in to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House; and it was thereupon

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*; and that Col. Woodbull, Mr. Billopp, and Mr. De Noyelles prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in to continue an Act, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence, with an Addition thereto*; and that Mr. Cortlandt and Mr. Boerum prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered,*



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Ordered also,

That a Bill be brought in to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first Day of February, 1774, to the first Day of February, 1775, inclusive; and that Mr. Kiffam and Mr. De Lancey, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. De Noyelles moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to divide the County of Orange into two Counties.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 15th January, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. for the Uses therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Kiffam (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first Day of February, 1774, to the first Day of February, 1775, inclusive*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. De Lancey (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New-York, chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Van Cortlandt (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony, from selling without Licence, with a Addition thereto*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. Woodbull (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Kiffam (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Wilkins from the Committee appointed to see what Laws are expired, or near expiring; and likewise what new Laws they shall conceive necessary to be made for the Benefit of this Colony; reported, That the Committee were of Opinion, that a Bill should be brought in to reduce the Interest of Money, from Seven to Six *per Cent.* which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered therefore,

That a Bill be brought in to reduce the Interest of Money from Seven to Six *per Cent.* and that Mr. Wilkins, and Capt. Seaman, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Gale moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to raise the Sum of £. 400, to finish the Court House in Goshen in the County of Orange.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in for the better Security of Rents and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants; and that Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Rapalje, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises; and that Mr. Kiffam and Mr. Gale, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered,



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That a Bill be brought in for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, in Case the Rent is not paid in a reasonable Time; and that Mr. Jauncey and Mr. Van Kleeck, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in to settle how far Owners of Ships shall be answerable for the Acts of the Masters or Mariners; and that Mr. De Lancey and Col. Philips, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in to enable posthumous Children to take Estates, as if born in their Fathers Life Time; and that Col. Seaman and Mr. De Lancey, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for rendering more effectual an Act, entitled, *An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors*; and that Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Thomas, prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered also,

That a Bill be brought in for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates; and that Mr. Kiffam and Mr. Boerum, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. De Lancey from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency the Governor, reported, That the Committee had prepared a Draught accordingly; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read; and it was

Ordered, That the said Draught be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. the 17th January, 1774.*

The House met, and adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 18th January, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first Day of February, 1774, to the first Day of February, 1775, inclusive*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New-York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of New-York, King's and Queen's Counties, or the major Part of them.

Mr. Jauncey (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, in Case the Rent is not paid in a reasonable Time*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Wilkins (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to reduce the Interest of Money from Seven to Six per Cent.* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Thomas (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for rendering more effectual an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Kiffam (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates*; and also a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises*; which were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

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Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle how far Owners of Ships shall be answerable for the Acts of the Masters or Mariners*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Nicoll* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. *Seaman* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable posthumous Children, to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life Time*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Gale* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 400, to finish the Court House in Goshen, in the County of Orange*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *De Noyelles* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Thomas* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out publick Highways in the County of Westchester*; passed the 29th of November, 1745.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Col. *Ten Broeck* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 160, for the Purposes to be therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Wilkins* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *De Noyelles* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to raise a Sum not exceeding £. 1000, for the Purpose of building a new Court House and Gaol, and for selling the Materials remaining of the old Court House lately destroyed by Fire, on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of *Orange*.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Parties in the Controversy, relative to the Division of the common Lands in the Township of *Schenectady*, attending at the Door pursuant to an Order of this House of the last Session, were called in

Ordered,

That the Parties attend this House To-Morrow, Ten o'Clock in the Morning.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in for the Relief of Parishes, and other Places, from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same, and that Col. *Woodbull* and Mr. *Thomas*, prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved,

That the Consideration of the Resolutions of the several Houses of Assembly, received under cover of the Letters from the Speakers thereof, laid before this House by Mr. Speaker; and also the Copies of Letters sent by him in Answer thereto, be postponed till *Thursday* next.

Resolved also,

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration on *Thursday* next.

Mr. *Kissam*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Draught of an Address to his Excellency the Governor, reported, that the Committee had gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the said Draught, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,



*Ordered,*

That the said Draught, with the Amedments, be engrossed.

The Supervisors of the County of *Westchester*, pursuant to an Order of last Session of the 27th Day of *January*, attending at the Door, were called in; and *Isaac Willet* not appearing in Support of the Prayer of his Petition, the Time for his Appearance by the said Order not being expired: Whereupon it was

*Ordered,*

That the said Supervisors or their Agent or Agents, together with the said *Isaac Willett*, or his Agent or Agents, attend this House on *Tuesday* next, for the Purposes for which they were summoned to attend, by the said Order of the 27th of *January* last, and that the Clerk of this House serve the Parties with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

And then the House adjourned till Five o'Clock this Afternoon.

5 ho. P. M.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read and approved of by the House.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Speaker sign the said Address, in Behalf of this House; which is in the Words following, viz,

To his Excellency WILLIAM TRYON, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over the Colony of *New-York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

## The humble ADDRESS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COLONY OF NEW-YORK.

*May it please your Excellency,*

**W**E his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*, beg Leave to return your Excellency our most hearty Thanks for your Speech.

We most cordially condole with your Excellency on the late melancholy Event which has involved your Interest, and that of the Colony, in one common Ruin; and we are the more sensibly affected on this Occasion, that the Calamity has befallen a Gentleman of your Excellency's Benevolence, whose feeling Heart has always been disposed to relieve the Wants of the Poor and Distressed.

We cannot sufficiently adore the peculiar Interposition of divine Providence in the Preservation of the Lives of your Excellency and Family, and preventing the terrible Effects which might have been expected from the rapid and resistless Fury of the Flames; and our warmest Thanks are due to the Citizens and Military, by whose powerful Exertions the Metropolis was preserved from this destructive Fire.

It would afford us great Satisfaction to know from whence this Accident arose; at the same Time, from the Depositions which your Excellency has been pleased to lay before us, we cannot entertain the least Doubt but that every Precaution had been taken by your Servants to prevent this dreadful Misfortune; nor can we have the least Grounds to impute it to any Neglect.

We also most sincerely lament that the Materials and Papers which your Excellency had prepared to be laid before this House for our Deliberations, have been so unfortunately destroyed.

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We are pleased to find that the Commissaries appointed to settle the Line of Jurisdiction between this Colony and *Massachusetts-Bay*, have, with the Consent of the respective Governors, entered into an Agreement for that Purpose; and we have the greatest Hopes that his Majesty's Approbation will soon put a final Period to this Controversy, which has for so long a Time not only affected the Property, but greatly disturbed the Tranquility of many of his Majesty's Subjects in both Governments.

We flattered ourselves that the running the Line between this Colony and the Province of *Quebec*, would have been finally compleated last Summer; but are disappointed to find that the Surveyors were compelled, from the Want of Provisions, to leave the Work unfinished, after the Trouble your Excellency has taken on this Occasion, in visiting that Government, and the liberal Grants of this Colony for that Purpose.

We shall give all due Attention to the Support of Government, and the other Matters particularly recommended by your Excellency to us.

The Tumults and Disorders which have arisen from the Contests between the *New-York* Grantees, and the Claimants under *New-Hampshire*, in the North-eastern District of the County of *Albany*, and in Part of the County of *Charlotte*; and the Outrages which have been committed there on the Settlers under this Government, are of a very alarming Nature: And when we reflect that private Security and public Happiness, equally depend on the free and uninterrupted Dispensation of Justice, and a dutiful Submission to the Laws, we cannot but join in Sentiment with your Excellency, that this is become an intolerable Grievance, which requires immediate Consideration and Redress: And as his Majesty has been pleased to order your Excellency to *England*, we have not the least Doubt but you will represent this Matter in its true Light.

Your Excellency's known Regard and Attachment to the Colony, gives us the strongest Reason to expect that we shall experience the most friendly Marks of your Excellency's cordial Affection; — and we should think ourselves unhappy at the Departure of a Governor who has justly merited our Approbation and Esteem, were not our Hopes flattered with the pleasing Prospect of your speedy Return: And we have the fullest Confidence that during your Absence, you will chearfully embrace every Opportunity to promote the Interest and Prosperity of a grateful People.

*New-York,*  
18th January, 1774. }

By Order of the General Assembly,

JOHN CRUGER, Speaker.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Kleeck* and Mr. *Brush* wait on his Excellency the Governor, to know when and where he will be pleased to be waited on by this House with their humble Address.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

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*By* Virtue of an Order of the General Assembly, I do appoint Hugh Gaine to print these Votes, and that no other Person do presume to print the same.

JOHN CRUGER, Speaker.





VOTES *and* PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
Colony of *NEW-YORK*.

*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 19th January, 1774.*

**M**R. *Brush* reported, That Mr. *Van Kleeck* and himself had waited on his Excellency the Governor, to know when and where he would be pleased to be waited on by this House with their humble Address; and that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would receive it this Day, and send a Message to the House to acquaint them where, and at what Time.

The Parties in the Controversy relative to the Division of the Common Lands in the Township of *Schenectady*, according to Order of Yesterday, attending at the Door, were called in.

When a Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the said Township, was presented to the House and read, praying that no Bill may be admitted to be brought in to affect their private Property and Privileges in the Common Lands of the said Township.

And then a Petition of *Ryer Schermerhorn, John Glen, and Peter Van Benthausen*, in behalf of themselves and their Associates, calling themselves Proprietors of the Common Lands in the said Township, was presented to the House and read, praying that a Bill may be brought in to appoint, or cause the Parties to appoint proper Persons to settle the said Controversy. To which Petition were annexed sundry Proposals of the Parties for amicably settling the said Controversy, during the Recess of this House, agreeable to the Recommendation thereof last Session: And the same being read, whereby it appeared to the House that the Parties had not settled the said Dispute, as recommended by the House.

*Ordered therefore,*

That the Consideration of the Subject Matter of the said Controversy, be postponed till *Friday* next.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary.

*Mr. Speaker,*

*His Excellency the Governor directed me to acquaint the House, that he is ready to receive their Address at the House of Lord Stirling, in Broad-Street.*

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, resumed the Chair, and reported; that the House had attended his Excellency the Governor, with their humble Address; and that his Excellency had been pleased to return the following Answer thereto.

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GENTLEMEN,



GENTLEMEN,

*IT is with the greatest Sincerity I return you my Thanks for your very obliging and loyal Address, and the Assurances you give me to pay a due Attention to the several Matters I have recommended to you.*

*Your affectionate Expressions of Condolence, on the late melancholy Event, afford me great Support under the Weight of that Misfortune; and your pointing out my Inability from thence, so amply to administer to the Relief of the Poor and Distressed, affects my Sensibility.*

*Our most gracious and benevolent Sovereign, ever attentive to the Felicity of all his Subjects, expects from me, while I have the Honor of being his Representative among you, that I should make the Interest and Happiness of his People of this Province the grand Object of my Administration: My own Inclinations also have constantly incited me to a strict and zealous Performance of that Duty; and I feel the most perfect Satisfaction in now making my grateful Acknowledgments for the very honorable Manner in which you, after the Experience you have had of my Residence in this Country, have declared your Esteem for me, your Approbation of my Conduct, and your Hopes of my speedy Return. Be assured I shall always entertain the most ardent Wishes for your Welfare; and it will be the most pleasing Part of my Duty, on my Arrival in England, faithfully to represent to his Majesty every Thing that may concern the Prosperity of this flourishing Colony.*

NEW-YORK,  
19th Jan. 1774.

WM. TRYON.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they were ordered to attend within fourteen Days after this present Meeting; that the Court of General Sessions of the Peace is to be held the 18th Instant, whereof the most of the Petitioners are Justices, and ought to attend; and therefore humbly pray, that the Honourable House will allow that some further Day be appointed for them to attend, to shew Cause why the Bill before this House the last Sessions, should not pass into a Law, for securing to the Indians of the lower Mohawk Village and their Descendants, the Possession of the Remainder of their Lands adjacent to the same, under a certain Limitation.

*Ordered therefore,*

*That the Petitioners have Liberty to attend this House, on or before the first Day of February next.*

*And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.*

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 20th January, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act further to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, imported into this Colony therein mentioned;* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming,* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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Col. *Ten Broeck* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Albany for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 160, for the Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Walton* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between *Montgomery-Ward*, and the *Out-Ward* of the City of *New-York*, on the easterly Side of *Montgomery-Ward*.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *De Lancey* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Gale* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to divide the Precinct of *Goshen*, in *Orange County*, into two Precincts.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in to lay a Tax on the free Negroes, Mustees, and Mulattoes within this Colony; and that Capt. *Seaman* and Col. *Woodbull*, prepare and bring in the same.

A Petition of *Erasmus Williams*, in Behalf of himself and the Creditors of *John Beekman*, an absconding Debtor, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Estate of the said *John Beekman*, was several Years past attached for the Benefit of his said Creditors; that *Jeronimus Alstyne*, his Son in Law, set up a Claim to Part of the said Estate by Conveyance from his Father-in-Law, which was conceived by the said Creditors fraudulent; that during the Enquiry into the Validity of the said Conveyance, the Time of notifying the Sale prescribed by Law elapsed, as set forth in his former Petition presented last Session; since which Time a Suit at Law hath been commenced, whereby the Validity of his Claim under the said Conveyance was drawn into Question, and a Verdict given against him; the Petitioner therefore humbly prays for Leave to bring in a Bill, to grant further Time to the Trustees of said absconding Debtor's Estate to dispose of the same, and make Distribution amongst the Creditors, as the Law directs.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House, and that the Clerk of this House serve the said *Jeronimus Alstyne* with a Copy thereof.

And then a Petition of *Elizabeth Waldron, Cornelia Waldron, Peter Waldron, and John Waldron*, was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to lay a Road through the Land of *Adolph Myer*, to a Piece of Land adjoining on *Hudson's-River*, in the Township of *Harlem*, commonly called *Mutie David's Fly*.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Members of *New-York* and *Westchester*, or the major Part of them; and that the Clerk of this House serve the said *Adolph Myer* with a Copy thereof.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Letters received from the Speakers of several of the Houses of Assembly on this Continent, inclosing the Resolutions entered into by them respectively; after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Seaman*, reported from the Committee, that they had directed him to report to the House the following Resolutions, *to wit*.

Resolved, *Nem. Con.*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of the following Persons, *to wit*.

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*John Cruger, Esq; Speaker; James De Lancey, James Fauncey, Jacob Walton, Benjamin Seaman, Isaac Wilkins, Frederick Philips, Daniel Kissam, Zebulon Seaman, John Rapalje, Simon Boerum, John De Noyelles, and George Clinton, Esquires, or any seven of them, whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British Parliament, or Proceedings of Administration, as do or may relate to or affect the Liberties and Privileges of his Majesty's Subjects in the British Colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations, and the Result of their Proceedings to lay before the House.*

*Resolved also, Nem. Con.*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Speaker of this House, prepare Draughts of Letters to the Speakers of the Assemblies on the Continent of *America*, inclosing these Resolutions, and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies; and that he do return the Thanks of this House to the Burgesses of *Virginia*, for their early Attention to the Liberties of *America*.

Which Resolutions having been read a second Time,

*Resolved,*

That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration To-Morrow.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 21st January, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Albany, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 160, for the Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 400, to finish the Court House in Goshen, in the County of Orange*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Capt. Seaman, (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on the Free Negroes, Mustees, and Mulattoes within this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. De Lancey, (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries*; which was read the first Time and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Thomas, (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Walton, (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery-Ward and the Out-Ward of the City of New-York, on the Easterly Side of Montgomery-Ward*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Gale, (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County into two Precincts*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Subject Matter of the Controversy about the Division of the Common Lands in the Township of *Schenectady*, and the Petitions of the Parties, presented the 19th Instant, being read,

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The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the subject Matter of the Controversy about the Division of the Common Lands in the Township of *Schenectady*, and the Petitions of the Parties, presented the 19th Instant; being read,

When a Petition of *Ryer Schermerborn* and *John Duncan*, in behalf of themselves and their Associates, calling themselves Proprietors of the Common Lands in the Township of *Schenectady*, was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to withdraw the Petition of *Ryer Schermerborn*, *John Glen*, and *Peter Van Benthausen*, presented to this House the 19th Instant; and to set forth that they are excluded from the Benefit of the Law, for the Partition of Lands in this Colony, or any other Relief; and therefore humbly pray the honourable House to give them Leave to bring in a Bill to amend that Part of the aforesaid Law which excludes the Township of *Schenectady*; and that they may be enabled to prosecute their Suit or Suits against any Number of combined People without Abatement in any Court within this Colony.

The House then proceeded to the Consideration of the subject Matter of the said Controversy; and also the aforesaid Petition: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker asked the House, whether the Petitioners should have Liberty to withdraw the Petition prayed for; which was agreed to *Nemine Contradicente*.

Mr. Speaker then asked the House, Whether a Bill should be brought in to amend the Act for the Partition of Lands as prayed for in the said Petition? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker then next asked the House, Whether a Bill should be brought in to prevent the Abatement of Suits, agreeable to Part of the Prayer of the said Petition? To which the House unanimously agreed, and thereupon it was

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in to prevent the Abatement of certain Suits by the Death of any of the Parties; and that Mr. *Nicoll* and Mr. *Clinton*, prepare and bring in the same.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Excellency's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration on *Tuesday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 22d January, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery-Ward and the Out-Ward of the City of New-York, on the Easterly Side of Montgomery-Ward*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York, Ulster* and *Orange*; or the major Part of them.

Mr. *Clinton* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Abatement of certain Suits by the Death of the Parties*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clinton* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to facilitate the raising of Sheep in the Counties of *Ulster* and *Orange*.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

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Mr. Gale moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns, in the Counties to be therein mentioned; and also for a Bill to enable Justices of the Peace to issue Warrants of Attachment against absconding Debtors.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

The Commissioners appointed in and by an Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony*; laid before the House Accounts on Oath, of Bills cancelled pursuant to the Directions of the said Act, the first Weeks in June and November last, to wit.

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| 2 Bills of the Year   | 1724 | £. | 0    | 15 | 0 |
| 1 Do.                 | 1726 |    | 0    | 1  | 0 |
| 8 Do.                 | 1730 |    | 1    | 5  | 0 |
| 6 Do.                 | 1734 |    | 11   | 10 | 0 |
| 58 Do.                | 1737 |    | 173  | 15 | 0 |
| 14 Do.                | 1739 |    | 21   | 5  | 0 |
| 8 Do. 10th May        | 1746 |    | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| 15 Do. 21st July      | 1746 |    | 59   | 10 | 0 |
| 8 Do.                 | 1747 |    | 34   | 0  | 0 |
| 91 Do. 25th March     | 1755 |    | 308  | 0  | 0 |
| 64 Do. 12th May       | 1755 |    | 95   | 5  | 0 |
| 65 Do. 15th September | 1755 |    | 78   | 0  | 0 |
| 9 Do. 16th February   | 1756 |    | 90   | 0  | 0 |
| 112 Do. 20th April    | 1756 |    | 488  | 0  | 0 |
| 105 Do.               | 1758 |    | 930  | 0  | 0 |
| 221 Do.               | 1759 |    | 1118 | 0  | 0 |
| 176 Do.               | 1760 |    | 621  | 0  | 0 |

963 Bills, amounting to the Sum of  
And the said Accounts being read,

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Ordered,

That the said Accounts lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Ordered,

That Abraham Lott, Esq; Treasurer of this Colony, deliver in Accounts on Oath to this House, of all publick Monies by him received and paid since the last Accounts he delivered in, to the 31st Day of December last, on or before Thursday the third Day of February next; and that the Clerk of this House serve the Treasurer with a Copy of this Order forthwith.

Mr. Jauncey, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, imported into this Colony therein mentioned*; reported, That they had gone thro' the Bill without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Jauncey then also from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New-York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour*, reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

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Mr. De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1800, for the Uses therein mentioned*, reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill be engrossed.

Col. Ten Broeck from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 160, for the Purposes therein mentioned*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. the 24th January, 1774.*

The House met, and adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 25th January, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act further to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Thomas and Mr. Walton do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New-York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Jauncey and Mr. Clinton do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1800, for the Uses therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. De Lancey and Mr. Van Cortlandt do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Albany, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 160, for the Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,



*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*,

That Mr. *Kissam* and Col. *Philips* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life Time*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on the free Negroes, Mustees, and Mulattoes within this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Precinct of Goshen, in Orange County, into two Precincts*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Clinton* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to facilitate the raising of Sheep in the Counties of Ulster and Orange*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *De Noyelles* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1000, for the Purpose of building a new Court-House and Goal, and for selling the Materials remaining of the old Court-House lately destroyed by Fire on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of Orange*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Jauncey* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New-York*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clinton* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to settle a Line of Division between the Counties of *Ulster* and *Albany*.

*Ordered*,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Capt. *Seaman* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Counties to be therein mentioned.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Wilkins* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to lay an additional Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony.

*Ordered*,

That Leave be given accordingly.

A Memorial of *Abraham Lott*, Esq; Treasurer of this Colony, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, That the Copies of the Devices to be affixed to the reverse Sides of the Bills of Credit emitted in the Year 1771, pursuant to an Act passed the last Session, were not compleated till about the 15th Day of *October* last; that the Work necessary to be prepared after that Period, to comply with the Directions of the said Act, was so immense that the Time limited by the same would have expired before it could be compleated: The Memorialist therefore humbly prays the House to take the Premises into Consideration, and to give him such Directions therein as to them shall seem meet.

*Ordered*,

That the said Memorial be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

A Petition of a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains in the County of *Orange*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the many Difficulties they labour under from the Want of a Court-House; that they conceive the most proper and central Place for erecting one, is near *Daniel Coe's*, at *Cakiate*, alias *New-Hampstead*; or at *Abraham De Baans*, about a half Mile West from the said *Coe's*; and therefore humbly pray that the Place for erecting a new Court-House, may be at one of the aforesaid Places.

*Ordered*,



Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom may be committed the Bill for raising £. 1000 to build a new Court-House and Goal on the South Side of the Mountains in the County of *Orange*.

A Petition of *John Duryee*, Baker, an insolvent Debtor, and fundry of his Creditors, was presented to the House, and read, praying that a Bill may be brought in for his Relief, on his giving up all his Estate real and personal for the Benefit of his Creditors.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

And then a Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Act for the Inspection of Flax may not be continued.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom may be committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New-York*.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon his Excellency's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported that he was directed by the said Committee to make the following Report to the House, *to wit*.

That when they came to that Part of his Excellency's Speech wherein he recommends to the House to make Provision for supplying his Majesty's Troops with Necessaries, he asked the Committee whether it was their Opinion a Supply should be granted for that Purpose? Upon which Debates arose, and that after putting the Question thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For the Affirmative.

For the Negative.

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| Mr. Thomas,      | Mr. Gale,          |
| Mr. Jauncey,     | Mr. De Witt,       |
| Col. Philips,    | Mr. Van Kleeck,    |
| Mr. Walton,      | Mr. Nicoll,        |
| Mr. De Lancey,   | Mr. Boerum,        |
| Mr. Speaker,     | Mr. Rapalje,       |
| Col. Seaman,     | Col. Ten Broeck,   |
| Mr. Wilkins,     | Mr. Van Cortlandt, |
| Mr. De Noyelles, | Mr. Brush.         |

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| Mr. Clinton,   |
| Col. Woodhull, |
| Capt. Seaman.  |

Resolved therefore,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of £. 2000, be granted to his Majesty, for furnishing the Troops quartered in this Colony, with Necessaries for one Year; and that the same be made payable out of the Interest of the Loan Office Money emitted in the Year 1771.

Mr. *Kissam* then also reported, That he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again. Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered therefore,

That a Bill be brought in for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £. 2000, for furnishing the Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one Year; and that Col. *Philips* and Col. *Ten Broeck* prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration on *Thursday* next: The Persons who were ordered on *Tuesday* last to attend the House this Day, to be hear'd relative to the Prayer of the Petition of *Isaac Willet*, late Sheriff of the County of *Westchester*, presented the last Session, attended at the Door accordingly; and being called in,

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be postponed till To-morrow; and that they do attend then at 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 26th January, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New-York*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Philips* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for making a further Provision of Two Thousand Pounds, for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony, with Necessaries for one Year*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wilkins* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay an additional Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into Consideration the Petition of *Isaac Willet*, late Sheriff of the County of *Westchester*, presented to this House the last Session, praying for Leave to bring in a Bill to oblige the Supervisors of the said County, to reimburse him for sundry Sums of Money paid for Escapes, when High Sheriff, in the Year 1751, occasioned by the Insufficiency of the Goal,---when the Supervisors of the said County, and the Agent for the said *Isaac Willet*, according to Order of Yesterday, attending at the Door, were called in to be examined touching the Allegations set forth in the said Petition: But as the Parties prayed that several Witnesses might be summoned to give Evidence relative thereto, it was therefore

*Ordered,*

That the Parties attend this House on *Wednesday* the 9th Day of *February* next, with their Witnesses; and that the Clerk of this House summon such Witnesses as the Parties may think necessary to attend at that Time, to give Evidence in the Controversy.

*Robert R. Livingston*, Esq; one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this Colony, appearing in the Assembly Chamber, and producing an Indenture of his being elected and returned a Representative for the Manor of *Livingston*; and the same being read; and then Mr. Speaker asked the House whether two Members should wait on one of the Commissioners appointed to qualify the Representatives to serve in this present General Assembly, and see Mr. *Livingston* qualified? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , | Col. <i>Philips</i> ,  |
| Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,     | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,     | Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Billepp</i> ,   |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,     | Mr. <i>Gale</i> .      |

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,       |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,       |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,       |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> .   |

*Ordered therefore,*

That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Representative to serve in this present General Assembly, for the Manor of *Livingston*, in the Room of *Robert R. Livingston*, Esq; declared disqualified to serve as a Member of this House for being a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Col. *Seaman* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Father's Life Time*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first Day of February, 1774, to the first Day of February, 1775, inclusive*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the

House;



House ; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. Clinton (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle a Line of Division between the Counties of Ulster and Albany* ; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 27th January, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Father's Life Time* ; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Col. Ten Broeck and Mr. Billopp do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first Day of February, 1774, to the first Day of February, 1775, inclusive* ; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Capt. Seaman and Mr. Nicoll do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for making a further Provision of £. 2000, for furnishing His Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one Year* ; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle a Line of Division between the Counties of Ulster and Albany* ; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Capt. Seaman (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Counties therein mentioned* ; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. Philips moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the breaking and defacing the Mile Stones now, or hereafter to be erected in this Colony.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. De Witt moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, mending and further laying out public High Roads and others, in the County of Ulster*. And for a Bill to increase the Number of Constables in the said County. And also for a Bill to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble-Town, in the said County.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

Sundry Petitions from the following Persons, insolvent Debtors, confined in Goal in the City of New-York, to wit. David Mc. Kenless, John Shaw, Louise Andrew Gautier, Anthony Fowler, John Osborn, William Upton, Jedediah Beekwith, Jeremiah Moore, Mary Mitchell, Susanna Spenter, Ann Burrell, Elizabeth Price, John Magrear, William Sloo, John Haumaid, Justus Rogers, Jacob Parsell, John Godfried Miller, Thomas Dunn, Michael Jacobs, Alexander Livingston, Robert Welsh, Thomas Reynolds, John Smith, Richard De Bevoise, Isaac De Lyon, James Mc. Millan, Moses Hart, Matthias Compton, Thomas Lupton, and John Campbell. And also from the following Persons confined in Goal in the City of Albany, to wit. John W. Wendell, William Pemberton, Volkert Dawson, Simon Lawaway, Arent Wemple, Daniel David, Sebastian Keyserreck, John Johnson, Charles Mc. Carter, John O. Farrell, Garret Van Fleill, Casparus Van Salisbury, Jacob Wheeler, John G. Van Volkenburgh, Zacharias Kneare, Henry Snyder, Cornelius Slouder, Mathew Entresh, and Jesse Fairchild ; and of Henry Coutant, confined in Goal in the County of Westchester ; were severally presented to the House, and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition



A Petition of *Robert McGinnis*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Relief for the Loss of his Arm and other Misfortunes in the Provincial Service during the last War.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House, and read, praying, That a Bill may be brought in to amend or suspend the Act, whereby all Buildings to the Southward of *Fresh-Water* in the City of *New-York*, are directed to be made of Brick or Stone and roofed with Tile or Slate.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of *Jeronemus Alstyne*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth his Reasons why the Prayer of the Petition of *Erasmus Williams*, in Behalf of himself and others, presented to this House the 20th Instant, should not be granted; and therefore humbly prays the said Petition may be rejected.

*Ordered,*

That the aforesaid Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the Petition of the said *Erasmus Williams* and others is referred.

A Petition of a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains in the County of *Orange*, was presented to the House, and read, praying, That the Place for erecting a new Court House and Goal in that Part of the said County, may be at a Place commonly called the City, which they conceive the most Central.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom may be committed the Bill for raising £. 1000, to build a new Court House and Goal in the said County.

A Petition of *Samuel Verplanck*, and others, Proprietors of *Hardenbergh's* Patent, was presented to the House, and read, praying, That in the Bill for dividing the Counties of *Ulster* and *Albany*, the Line may be fixed from the Southeasterly Boundary of the County of *Tryon*, at a Lake called *Asstabiunta*, from thence to the Head of *Caater's Kill*, where it discharges itself out of a Lake, and from thence on the same Course to *Hudson's-River*.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle a Line of Division between the Counties of Ulster and Albany*.

A Petition of *Garret Roorbach*, was presented to the House, and read, praying an Amendment to the Act entitled, *An Act to regulate the Gauging of Liquors, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; as set forth in his said Petition, and that he may be appointed one of the Gaugers of Liquors, &c.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *John Harris Cruger*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act further to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned*. And,

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New-York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour*.

A Message



A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Axtell*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1800, for the Uses therein mentioned.*

And, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Albany, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 160, for the Purposes therein mentioned.*

A Petition of *Paul Hogstrasser, John James Abbot, and John Tillman*, together with a Certificate from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Albany*, were presented to the House, and read, praying for Leave to bring in a Bill to raise £. 1400, by Way of Lottery, to reimburse them for Building of the *German Church* in the City of *Albany*.

Ordered,

That the said Petition, &c. lie on the Table.

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration on *Tuesday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 28th January, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay an additional Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York, Westchester, and King's Counties*, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to facilitate the raising of Sheep in the Counties of Ulster and Orange*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster, Orange, and Westchester*, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And then a Petition of *William Bayard*, Esq; and others, Freeholders of the County of *Orange*, was presented to the House, and read, praying to be served with a Copy of the foregoing Bill; and that all further Proceedings thereon may be stayed until they can have an Opportunity of assigning their Reasons against the same.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the same Committee to whom the said Bill is committed; and that the Clerk of this House serve some of the Petitioners with a Copy thereof; and that they shew Cause on *Friday* the 4th Day of *February* next, why the same should not pass into a Law.

Mr. *De Witt* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, mending and further laying out public High Roads and others, in the County of Ulster*. And a Bill, entitled, *An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster*. And also a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble-Town, in the County of Ulster*; which were severally read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *De Lancey* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the better Regulation of the public Roads in the City and County of *New-York*.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

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Mr.



Mr. *Ten Eyck* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon.*

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of *Samuel Wells*, and Eighty-eight other Persons; and also a Petition of *Jacobus Wolven*, and Eighteen others, were presented to the House and read; praying that the Bill for ascertaining the Division Line between the Counties of *Ulster* and *Albany*, may pass the Honourable House in such a Form as to leave their Estates and Possessions in the County of *Ulster*.

Then a Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Albany*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that the Bill for dividing the County of *Albany* and *Ulster*, may not pass in its present Form.

And then a Petition of *Thomas Swords*, was presented to the House, and read, praying that the Line for dividing the Counties of *Ulster* and *Albany*, may not be fixed at *Wanton Island*.

Ordered,

That the four foregoing Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle a Line of Division between the Counties of Ulster and Albany.*

Mr. *Walton* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery-Ward and the Out-Ward of the City of New-York, on the Easterly Side of Montgomery-Ward*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

A Petition of *John Duncan*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That soon after the Surrender of *Niagara*, the Petitioner was sent from thence to *New-York*, for Money to pay the Troops; that after he returned, he delivered *Seventy Pounds* of said Money to one of the Serjeants of his Company, to pay out to the private Men, who was supposed to be drowned by Accident in *Lake Ontario*, then possessed of the said *Seventy Pounds*, being of the Bills of Credit of this Colony, to wit. Two Bills, Numbers 1369 and 2949, each of *Twenty-four Pounds*; No. 668, of *Twelve Pounds*; and Numbers 4433 and 14,378, of *Five Pounds* each: That the three first Bills amounting to *Sixty Pounds*, were of the *One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds* emitted in 1759, for enabling General *Amherst* to pay the Debts contracted, and to carry on his Majesty's Service in *North-America*, which were to be cancelled in Twelve Months; that as the said Bills of 1759 were to be cancelled in so short a Period, and there still remain uncanceled *One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds* of that Emission, and have for some Years past, the Petitioner is well assured that the aforesaid *Sixty Pounds* is a Part of said Sum yet outstanding uncanceled; and that should the Honourable House think proper to reimburse him the Sum lost, he will give Bond to the Treasurer to repay the same, should there ever be less than that Sum outstanding on that Emission: The Petitioner therefore humbly prays the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant him such Relief as to them shall seem meet.

The said *John Duncan* was then called in, and examined touching the several Matters set forth in his said Petition; and then was ordered to withdraw.

The House then proceeded to the Consideration of the several Matters contained in the said Petition: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker asked the House whether it was their Opinion that the said *John Duncan* should be reimbursed any of the



the Money he prayed for? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. De Lancey,  
Mr. Jauncey,  
Mr. Walton,  
Mr. Wilkins,  
Col. Philips,  
Col. Ten Broeck,

Mr. Ten Eyck,  
Mr. De Witt,  
Mr. Brush,  
Mr. Gale,  
Mr. Clinton.

For the Negative.

Mr. Thomas, Mr. Kiffam,  
Col. Seaman, Col. Woodhull,  
Mr. Boerum, Mr. De Noyelles,  
Mr. Billopp, Mr. Van Kleeck.  
Mr. Rapalje,

*Resolved therefore,*

That there be allowed unto *John Duncan*, the Sum of £. 60, on his giving Bond, with sufficient Security, to the Treasurer of this Colony, to repay the same should either of the Numbers of the said Bills so lost by him, ever appear in the Treasury, or be less than that Sum outstanding of the Emission of 1759, granted to General *Amberst*; and that it be an Instruction to the Committee to whom may be committed a Bill for paying the Salaries, &c. of the several Officers of this Government, to add a proper Clause to the same for making the said *John Duncan* that Allowance; and that the same be made payable out of the Balance due the Colony on the Act passed third July, 1759, granting £. 150,000, to General *Amberst*.

*Ordered,*

That the Commissioners for cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony, do, at their stated Meetings for cancelling, examine with Accuracy, the Numbers of the Bills of Credit of that Emission, if any of them should appear for cancelling.

A Petition of sundry Persons living at *Gowanes*, in *King's County*, was presented to the House, and read, praying a Law may be passed to enable them to dig through a Road already laid out across a Ditch which is dug from *Gowanes Bay* to the East River.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House, and that the Clerk of this House serve *Jacob Seabring*, *Jacob Seabring*, *Jun.* and *John Van Dyke*, (who are interested therein) with a Copy thereof; and that they shew Cause on *Thursday* next, if they think proper, why the Prayer of the said Petition should not be granted.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 29th January, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery-Ward and the Out-Ward of the City of New-York, on the easterly Side of Montgomery-Ward*; was read the Third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Jauncey* and Mr. *Ten Eyck* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster*, *Orange* and *Dutchess*, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble-Town, in the County of Ulster*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster*, *New-York* and *Westchester*, or the major Part of them.

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the public Roads in the City and County of New-York*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

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30 JOURNAL of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of *NEW-YORK*,

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Mr. *Ten Eyck* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of *Albany*.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Clinton* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to facilitate the raising of Sheep in the Counties of Ulster and Orange*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

A Petition of *William Brown*, an insolvent Debtor, confined in Goal in the County of *Westchester*, was presented to the House, and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for his Relief.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House; and that the Clerk of this House serve *Hackaliah Brown* with a Copy thereof; and that he shew Cause, by himself or Agent, on *Thursday* the 10th Day of *February* next, why the Prayer of the said Petition should not be granted.

A Petition of *John Concklin*, and another of *John Wallace*, insolvent Debtors, confined in Goal in the County of *Orange*. Also a Petition of *Charles Giles*, and another of *John Johnson*, insolvent Debtors, confined in Goal in the County of *Ulster*. And also a Petition of *John Griffiths*, an insolvent Debtor, confined in Goal in the City of *New-York*; were severally presented to the House, and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

And then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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*By* Virtue of an Order of the General Assembly,  
I do appoint *Hugh Gaine* to print these Votes,  
and that no other Person presume to print the same.

JOHN CRUGER, Speaker.

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VOTES *and* PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
Colony of *NEW-YORK*.

*Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. the 31st January, 1774.*

THE House met, and adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 1st February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to facilitate the raising of Sheep in the Counties of Ulster and Orange*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Clinton* and Col. *Woodbull* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *Act for the better Regulation of the public Roads in the City and County of New-York*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York, Westchester, King's and Queen's Counties*, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1000, for the Purpose of building a new Court-House and Goal, and for selling the Materials remaining of the old Court-House lately destroyed by Fire on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of Orange*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Ten Eyck* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon*. And also a Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany*; which were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. *Philips* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the breaking and defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

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A Message



A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Henry White*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Father's Life Time.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first Day of February, 1774, to the first Day of February, 1775, inclusive.*

A Petition of *Benjamin Hough*, in Behalf of himself and many of the Inhabitants of the County of *Charlotte*, and of the North-eastern District of the County of *Albany*, accompanied with sundry Affidavits, were presented to the House, and read, setting forth the outrageous Cruelty and Oppression they have suffered from the *Bennington Mob*; and praying the Interposition and Protection of this House.

Ordered,

That the said Petition and Affidavits be referred to the Consideration of the Grand Committee for Grievances, and that they report their Proceedings and Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Guybert G. Marselis*, and *Leonard Gansevoort*, in Behalf of the Corporation of the City of *Albany* (according to Order of the 19th Ultimo) attending at the Door to shew Cause why a Bill should not pass, agreeable to the Bill before the House last Session for securing to the *Indians* of the lower *Mohawk Village*, and their Descendants, the Possession of the Remainder of their Lands adjacent to the same, under a certain Limitation.---When it was

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in agreeable to the said Bill of last Session for that Purpose, and that *Mr. De Lancey* and *Col. Philips* prepare and bring in the same; and that the said *Guybert G. Marselis*, and *Leonard Gansevoort*, attend this House on *Thursday* next, to shew Cause why the same should not pass into a Law.

*Mr. De Lancey* then (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for securing to the Indians of the lower Mohawk Village, and their Descendants, the Possession of the Remainder of their Lands adjacent to the same, under a certain Limitation*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech be taken into further Consideration on *Thursday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 2d February, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to reduce the Interest of Money from seven to six per Cent.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the breaking and defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for securing to the Indians of the lower Mohawk Village, and their Descendants, the Possession of the Remainder of their Lands adjacent to the same, under a certain Limitation*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Mr. Wilkins* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

*Mr. De Noyelles* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County.*

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr.



Mr. Clinton from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster*; reported, That they had gone thro' the Bill without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. De Witt from the Committee of the whole House, to whom were referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle a Line of Division between the Counties of Ulster and Albany*; and the several Petitions relative thereto, reported the Proceedings of the Committee thereon, to have been in Manner following, viz.

That after Reading the said Bill and Petitions through in the Committee, and upon Reading the Bill again Paragraph by Paragraph, when they came to that Part where the Line of Division is mentioned, it was proposed that the Line should begin at the Mouth of *Sawyer's Creek*, and to run due West; upon which Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Col. Ten Broeck,  
Mr. Ten Eyck.

For the Negative.

|                    |                  |
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| Mr. Jauncey,       | Mr. Van Kleeck,  |
| Mr. Walton,        | Mr. Gale,        |
| Mr. De Lancey,     | Mr. De Noyelles, |
| Mr. Speaker,       | Mr. Clinton,     |
| Mr. Thomas,        | Capt. Seaman,    |
| Col. Philips,      | Mr. Kiffam,      |
| Mr. Van Cortlandt, | Mr. Boerum,      |
| Mr. Wilkins,       | Mr. Rapalje,     |
| Mr. Brinckerhoff,  | Mr. Brush.       |

That it was then proposed that the Line should begin from the most northerly Part of *Wanton-Island*, to the Head of *Kaaters-Kill*, and from thence to the Lake *Utsayanbo*; upon which Debates also arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Jauncey,       | Mr. Van Kleeck,  |
| Mr. Walton,        | Mr. Gale,        |
| Mr. De Lancey,     | Mr. De Noyelles, |
| Mr. Speaker,       | Mr. Clinton,     |
| Mr. Thomas,        | Capt. Seaman,    |
| Col. Philips,      | Mr. Kiffam,      |
| Mr. Van Cortlandt, | Mr. Boerum,      |
| Mr. Wilkins,       | Mr. Rapalje,     |
| Mr. Brinckerhoff,  | Mr. Brush.       |

For the Negative.

Col. Ten Broeck,  
Mr. Ten Eyck.

That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto, which he was directed to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be engrossed.

The four following Messages from his Excellency the Governor, were brought to the House by Col. Edmund Fanning, his private Secretary; and the same being read, are as follow, viz.

GENTLEMEN,

I Now send you my Account Current with the Province, of the several Sums of Money I have advanced and received since the last Session of the General Assembly, towards extending the dividing Line between this Government and *Quebec*, together with such Extracts from the Minutes of Council, as relate to that Business.

WM. TRYON.

New-York, 2d Feb. 1774.

GENTLEMEN,



GENTLEMEN,

BY Mr. *Theophilus Hardenbrook's* Receipt to me, which accompanies this Message, the House will be informed of the Sum of Money I have advanced on the publick Credit, for Repairs and other Services since the last Meeting of the General Assembly; and Mr. *Hardenbrook's* Account, with the proper Vouchers, will explain the Manner in which the Money has been expended, which I trust will be to your Approbation.

I also send you a State of the Amount of the Expences and incidental Charges of my Journey to *Hartford* last Spring, to meet Governor *Hutchinson*, in order to assent to, and confirm the Agreement entered into by the Commissaries, appointed by the Provinces of *New-York* and *Massachusetts-Bay*, for settling the Line of Jurisdiction between the two Governments.

*New-York, 2d Feb. 1774.*

WM. TRYON.

GENTLEMEN,

MR. *Robert Yates*, the Surveyor employed by the Commissaries appointed to settle the Line of Jurisdiction between the Governments of *New-York* and *Massachusetts-Bay*, has sent in his Account to me for Surveying the Courses of *Hudson's-River*, agreeable to the Instructions he received from the Commissaries, which I recommend to your Consideration and Allowance.

*New-York, 2d Feb. 1774.*

WM. TRYON.

GENTLEMEN,

MY late Tour to *Hartford* on the publick Service, having afforded me an Opportunity of discovering the Defects in the Road to that Place, I cannot avoid laying before you a Proposal which will probably be adopted by the Government of *Connecticut*, for altering that Road, so as to contract its present Length many Miles, which must greatly facilitate the commercial Intercourse of the Colony. As this is an Object of public Concern, and the Expence which may attend it on our Part, appears to me rather a Provincial than a County Charge; I recommend it to you as deserving your Attention.

*New-York, 2d Feb. 1774.*

WM. TRYON.

And then the several Papers mentioned in his Excellency's Messages were also read.

*Ordered,*

That the said Messages, and the several Papers accompanying the same, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

A Petition of *John De Wint*, and Thirty-eight other Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of *Orange*, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Bill for the Division of *Orange* County, (if not rejected) may be printed in the publick News-Papers of this Colony, and postponed till the next Sessions, and that a Day may be appointed for them then to make their Objections to the same.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties.*  
And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

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*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 3d February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*,

That Mr. *De Witt* and Mr. *Brinckerhoff* do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany*; was read the third Time.

And upon Mr. Speaker's asking whether the Bill should pass, Debates arose and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative,

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,        | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,     | Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,        | Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,  |
| Col. <i>Philips</i>        | Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , | Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> ,  | Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Van Kleeck</i> ,    | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> .   |

For the Negative,

Col. *Ten Broeck*,  
Mr. *Ten Eyck*.

*Resolved therefore*,  
That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*,

That Mr. *Kissam* and Mr. *De Lancey* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; was read the second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*,

The the Grand Committee for Grievances do sit To-morrow Afternoon at 4 o'Clock the House, and that they adjourn from Time to Time.

A Petition of *Fredericus Blauvelt* and Fifty-four others; also a Petition of *A. Hawkes Hay* and Thirty-two others; and also a Petition of *Isaac Poeft* and Twenty-seven others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains in the County of *Orange*, were severally presented to the House and read, praying that the Bill now before the House for the Division of *Orange County*, (if not rejected) may be printed in the public News-Papers of this Colony, and postponed till the next Sessions, and that a Day may be appointed for them then to make their Objections to the same.

Then a Petition of *Vincent Matthews*, Esq; and One Hundred and Fifty-five others; and also a Petition of *Thomas Palmer* and Fifty-two others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the North Side of the Mountains in the County of *Orange*, were severally presented to the House and read, setting forth that they by no Means think it expedient at present, or in the least Advantageous to their Part of the Country to be divided from their Brethren on the South Side of the said Mountains; and therefore humbly pray that the Bill now before the House for the Division of the said County may be postponed until the nex Session.

*Ordered*,

That the Five foregoing Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties*.

A Petition of *Jacob Seabring*, *John Van Dyck*, and *Jacob Seabring, jun.* was presented to the House and read, praying that the Petition of sundry Persons living at *Gowanes*, in *King's County*, preferred to the House the 28th Ultimo, may be rejected.

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*Ordered*,



Ordered,

That the said Petition of *Jacob Seabring* and others, be referred to the Consideration of the same Committee to whom the Petition of the People living at *Gowanes* is committed.

A Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Harrison's Purchase* in the County of *Westchester*, was presented to the House and read, praying that a Bill may be brought in to declare the said *Harrison's Purchase* a Precinct independent of and distinct from *Rye*.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and that *Mr. Thomas* and *Mr. Brush* prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered also,

That the Clerk of this House serve the Clerk of the Township of *Rye* with a Copy of the aforesaid Petition, to be by him put up at a Place of public Worship in said Township two Sundays successively, that the Inhabitants thereof may make their Objections (if any they have) on or before Thursday the 17th Instant, why a Bill should not pass for that Purpose.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Hugh Wallace*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Which engrossed Bill from the Council was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

*Abraham Lott*, Esq; Treasurer of this Colony, in Obedience to an Order of this House of the 22d Ultimo, attending at the Door, was called in, and laid before the House the several following Accounts on Oath, viz.

### A General Account of the Funds for Support of Government;

wherein he charges himself with the following Sums, viz.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         |   |    |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---|----|---------------|
| With a Balance due the Colony on this Account, as per his Accounts delivered in the 31st Day of Dec. 1772,                                                                                                            | £. 3877 | 9 | 11 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| With the Sum of £. 358 8, received on the Act for licencing Hawkers and Pedlars from the 31st Dec. 1772, to the 31st Dec. 1773,                                                                                       | 358     | 8 | 0  |               |
| With the Sum of £. 15 6, received for the Duty of Excise, from 1st Jan. 1771, to 1st Jan. 1772, and with the further Sum of £. 641 17 2, received for do. from 1st Feb. 1772, to 1st Feb. 1773, amounting together to | 657     | 3 | 2  |               |
| With the Sum of £. 674 0 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ , received on the Act laying a Duty on Goods sold at Vendue, from the 31st Dec. 1772, to the 31st Dec. 1773,                                                                 | 674     | 0 | 9  | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| And with the Sum of £. 5078 8 1, received on the Act laying a Duty on Slaves, Wine, Rum, Cocoa and Dry Goods, from and to the Time aforesaid,                                                                         | 5078    | 8 | 1  |               |

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| And on the contrary, charges the Colony with sundry Sums paid pursuant to the support Act, passed 8th March, 1773, to the Amount of | £. 10645 | 10 | 0 |  |
|                                                                                                                                     | £. 6655  | 17 | 3 |  |

|                                                                                                                                                  |         |    |    |               |
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| So that there remains a Balance due the Colony on this Account, of                                                                               | £. 3989 | 12 | 9  |               |
| An Account of the Tonnage Fund, wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of                                                     | 281     | 7  | 5  |               |
| An Account of an Act passed 20th October, 1764, for cancelling £. 59,250; wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of           | 1081    | 15 | 9  | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| An Account of an Act passed 4th July, 1753, for paying the Debts of the Colony; wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of     | 25      | 10 | 11 | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| An Account of an Act passed 3d June, 1758, for paying the Debts of the Colony; wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of      | 195     | 13 | 1  | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| An Account of the Excise Fund, wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony (being for Cash due thereon before the Year 1771,) of    | 2256    | 9  | 4  |               |
| An Account of an Act passed 10th June, 1760, for paying the Debts of the Colony, wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of    | 236     | 1  | 6  |               |
| An Account of an Act passed 20th October, 1764, for paying the Debts of the Colony, wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of | 12      | 0  | 0  |               |
| An Account of the Interest of the Loan Office Money of 1737, wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of                        | 2344    | 0  | 0  |               |
| An Account of the Principal of Do. wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of                                                  | 12250   | 0  | 0  |               |
| An Account of an Act for supplying the Troops with Necessaries; wherein he charges the Colony with a Balance due himself, of                     | 1500    | 0  | 0  |               |



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| An Account of an Act for settling the Boundary Line between <i>New-York</i> and <i>New-Jersey</i> , wherein he charges the Colony with a Balance due himself, of                          | 3538 9 3 $\frac{1}{4}$    |
| An Account of an Act passed 3d July, 1759, granting a Loan of £. 150,000, to General Amherst; wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of                                | 114 0 0                   |
| An Account of the several Taxes, from the Year 1746, to the Year 1760; wherein he charges the Colony with a Balance due himself, of                                                       | 18944 9 3 $\frac{1}{2}$   |
| An Account of Duties arisen in the late Treasurer's Time; wherein he charges himself with sundry Sums received thereon, to the Amount of                                                  | 11764 3 8 $\frac{1}{4}$   |
| An Account of an Act passed 20th Dec. 1763, for paying a Bounty on Hemp; wherein he charges himself with a Balance due the Colony, of                                                     | 137 4 10                  |
| An Account of an Act for vesting the late Treasurer's Estate in Trustees; wherein he charges himself with sundry Sums received thereon, to the Amount of                                  | 8687 7 8 $\frac{1}{4}$    |
| An Account of the Interest of the Loan Office Money of 1771, wherein he charges the Colony with a Balance due him thereon, as per his Accounts delivered in the 31st Day of Dec. 1772, of | £. 1490 2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| And with sundry Sums paid since that Time for Necessaries for his Majesty's Troops, &c. to the Amount of                                                                                  | 1775 12 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  |

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| And on the Contrary charges himself with sundry Sums received on Account of the Interest of do. for the Year 1773, to the Amount of | £. 3265 15 9 |
| So that there remains a Balance due the Colony on this Fund, of                                                                     | £. 2333 17 5 |
| An Account of the Excise laid on the City of <i>New-York</i> for the Support of the Hospital now erecting therein, to the Amount of | £. 800 0 0   |

The following is a Sketch of the foregoing Accounts reduced to one general Account, viz.

| Dr. The Treasurer in a General Account with the Colony of <i>New-York</i> . |                                                                            |         |                     | Cr.          |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 1773 Dec. 31                                                                | To Balance due the Colony on the Funds for Support of Government,          | £. 3989 | 12 9                | 1773 Dec. 31 | By Balance due the Treasurer on an Act for supplying the King's Troops with Necessaries, | £. 1500 |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on the Tonnage Fund,                                                | 281     | 7 5                 |              | By do. on an Act for settling the <i>Jersey</i> Line                                     | 3538    | 9 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
|                                                                             | To do. on Act for cancelling £. 59,250 &c.                                 | 1081    | 15 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  |              | By do. on the several Taxes from the Year 1746, to 1760,                                 | 18944   | 9 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
|                                                                             | To do. on Act 4th July 1753, for paying the Debts of the Colony,           | 25      | 10 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ |              | By Balance due the Colony this Day,                                                      | 22526   | 6                 |
|                                                                             | To do. on Act 3d June 1758, for do.                                        | 195     | 13 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on the Excise Fund, due before the Year 1771,                       | 2256    | 9 4                 |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on Act of 10th June 1760, for paying the Debts of the Colony,       | 236     | 1 6                 |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on Act 20th Oct. 1764, for do.                                      | 12      |                     |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To ditto on Interest of Loan Office Money of 1737,                         | 2344    |                     |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on the Principal of do.                                             | 12250   |                     |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on Act of 3d June 1759, for granting £. 150,000 to General Amherst, | 114     |                     |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on old Duties,                                                      | 11764   | 3 8 $\frac{1}{4}$   |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on the Hemp Bounty Fund,                                            | 137     | 4 10                |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on the Act vesting the late Treasurer's Estate in Trustees          | 8687    | 7 8 $\frac{1}{4}$   |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on the Interest of the Loan Office Money of 1771,                   | 2333    | 17 5                |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |
|                                                                             | To do. on the <i>New-York</i> Hospital,                                    | 800     |                     |              |                                                                                          |         |                   |

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And the Titles of the foregoing several Accounts being read,

*Ordered,*

That the said Accounts lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

*Guybert G. Marselis*, and *Leonard Gansevoort*, Esqrs, in Behalf of the Corporation of the City of *Albany*, attending at the Door, in Obedience to an Order of this House of the 1st Inst. were called in to shew Cause why the Bill now under Commitment, entitled, *An Act for securing to the Indians of the lower Mohawk Village, and their Descendants, the Possession of the Remainder of their Lands adjacent to the same, under a certain Limitation*; should not pass into a Law.---When it was

*Ordered,*

That the said *Guybert G. Marselis*, and *Leonard Gansevoort*, attend the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed for that Purpose.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Seaman* reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to make the following Report to the House, *to wit*.

That after Reading the said Bill through in the Committee, and hearing the Objections of the said *Guybert G. Marselis*, and *Leonard Gansevoort*, against passing the same, he asked the Committee whether it was their Opinion the Bill should be proceeded upon? when they came to the following Resolution, *to wit*.

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee that as no Person hath appeared in Behalf of the *Indians*, in Support of the said Bill, that all further Proceedings thereon be stayed.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several Messages, &c. referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration on *Tuesday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 4th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates* was; read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Counties therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Gale* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the Counties therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Brinckerhoff* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to confine Rams in certain Seasons of the Year in the Counties to be therein mentioned.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Ten Eyck* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to include within the District of *Schenectady*, a Tract of Land in the County of *Albany*, granted to *Frederick Morris*, and others, commonly called *Corry's Brook*, or *Busb*; and likewise all the Lands that do now belong to the Corporation of the Reformed Protestant *Dutch Church* of *Schenectady*.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr.



Mr. *De Witt* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble-Town, in the County of Ulster*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

- That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

A Petition of *Michael Jackson*, and Twenty-seven others; also a Petition of *Henry Wisner*, and Forty-five others; also a Petition of *Benjamin Tustin*, jun. and Fifty-one others; and also a Petition of *William Thompson*, and Thirty-three others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the North Side of the Mountains, in the County of *Orange*, were severally presented to the House, and read, praying that the Bill now before the House for the Division of the said County (if not rejected) may be postponed till the next Session, and printed in the public News-Papers of this Colony; and that a Day may be appointed for them then to make their Objections to the same.

Ordered,

That the said four Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties*.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties*; and upon the several Petitions preferred against the same.

The House then accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill and Petitions: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Brush* reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to make the following Report to the House, *to wit*.

That after Reading the Bill and Petitions through in the Committee, *William Bayard*, *Henry Wisner*, *David Matthews*, and *Thomas Smith*, Esquires, in Behalf of themselves and the other Petitioners, attending at the Door, were called in and heard in Objection to the said Bill, and then withdrew.

That the Committee then proceeded to the Consideration of the Objections offered against the said Bill: After some Time spent in debating the Matter, a Motion was made by Mr. *Gale*, in the Words following, *viz*.

Mr. Chairman,

I Move, That the Bill be postponed till the next Session: And Debates arising upon the said Motion, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For the Affirmative,  
Mr. *De Witt*,  
Mr. *Gale*,  
Mr. *Clinton*,  
Mr. *Van Cortlandt*,  
Col. *Ten Broeck*,  
Capt. *Seaman*.

For the Negative,  
Mr. *Kissam*,  
Col. *Seaman*,  
Mr. *De Noyelles*,  
Mr. *Fauncey*,  
Mr. *Thomas*,  
Mr. *Walton*,  
Mr. *De Lancey*,  
Mr. *Ten Eyck*,  
Mr. *Brinckerhoff*,  
Col. *Philips*,  
Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. *Rapalje*,  
Mr. *Boerum*.

That the Committee were then of Opinion the said Bill should be postponed till *Thursday* next: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read.

Resolved,

That this House doth agree with the Committee in their said Report, and will again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill, on *Thursday* next.



At the Request of Mr. Gale,

Ordered,

That the Clerk of this House deliver him Copies of the several Petitions preferred against the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties.*

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 5th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble-Town, in the County of Ulster*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. De Witt and Mr. Van Kleeck do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the Counties therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of Orange, Ulster, and Westchester, or the major Part of them.

Mr. Ten Eyck (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to include within the District of Schenectady, a Tract of Land in the County of Albany, granted to Frederick Morris, and others, commonly called Corry's Brook, or Bush; and likewise all the Lands that do now belong to the Corporation of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Brinckerhoff (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the Year in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. De Lancey moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to declare what shall be a forcible Entry or Detainer.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of Adolph Myer, of the Out-Ward of the City of New-York, Farmer, was presented to the House, and read, praying that the Petition of Elizabeth Waldron, and others, presented to this House the 20th Ultimo, may be dismissed.

And then a Petition of Adolph Benson, and a Number of others, Inhabitants of the Town of Haerlem, was presented to the House, and read, praying that a Road may be laid to Mutie David's Fly, in the Township of Haerlem, as prayed for in the Petition of Elizabeth Waldron, and others.

Ordered,

That the two foregoing Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the Petition of Elizabeth Waldron, and others, is committed; and that the Clerk of this House serve Adolph Myer with a Copy of the Petition of Adolph Benson, and others, that he shew Cause by Thursday next, to the said Committee, why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.

Several Petitions from the following Persons, insolvent Debtors, confined in Goal in the City of New-York, to wit. John Clandening, George Fah, James M'Candlefs, and William Stone; also from the following Persons confined in Dutchess County Goal, to wit. Peter Harris, Amos Dickinson, John Nicholas Hannacke, John Way, Jacobus Swartwout, Gale Yelverton, Joseph Higgins, John Coopman, Edward Simonds, Benjamin Boyce, Lewis Winter, Simeon Toms, John Nelson, Joseph Cock, Peter Philips, John La Roy, Jacobus Van Kleeck, David Bradford, William Brisbane, and Solomon Oakley; and also from John Dudley, in King's County Goal, were severally presented to the House, and read, praying that a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

Ordered,



Ordered,

That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Brush* (in Behalf of Mr. *Clinton*, Chairman) from the Grand Committee of Grievances, reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to make the following Report to the House, *to wit.*

That the said Committee having taken into Consideration the Petition of *Benjamin Hough*, in Behalf of himself and many of his Majesty's Subjects inhabiting the County of *Charlotte*, and the North Eastern District of the County of *Albany*; complaining of many Acts of Outrage, Cruelty, and Oppression committed against their Persons and Properties, by the *Bennington Mob*; and the Dangers and Injuries to which they are daily exposed; and imploring that this House will take them under their Protection, and secure them against future Violence: And the said Committee having also duly considered the several Proofs and Depositions presented in Support of the Truth of the said Petition: Do thereupon Resolve,

I. That it appears to this Committee, That there at present prevails in Part of the County of *Charlotte* and in the North-Eastern District of the County of *Albany*, a dangerous and destructive Spirit of Riot and Licentiousness, subversive of all Order and good Government; and that it is become an intolerable Grievance which requires immediate Redress.

II. *Resolved*, That it appears to this Committee, That many atrocious Acts of Outrage, Cruelty and Oppression, have been there perpetrated, by a Number of lawless Persons, calling themselves the *Bennington Mob*; who have seized, insulted, and terrified several of the Magistrates and other civil Officers, so that they dare not execute their respective Functions; rescued Prisoners for Debt; assumed to themselves military Commands, and judicial Powers; burned and demolished the Houses and Property, and beat and abused the Persons of many of his Majesty's Subjects; expelled them from their Possessions; and put a Period to the Administration of Justice, and spread Terror and Destruction throughout that Part of the Country which is exposed to their Oppression.

III. *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Complainants before this House, and others who inhabit that Part of the Colony, and from Respect to Government, will not countenance and be concerned in the said riotous Proceedings, are exposed from the Violence of the Rioters, to imminent Danger both in their Persons and Properties; and that they stand in Need of immediate Protection and Succour.

IV. *Resolved*, That it appears to this Committee, That *Ethan Allen*, *Setb Warner*, *Remember Baker*, *Robert Cochran*, *Pelig Sunderland*, *Sylvanus Brown*, *James Brackinridge*, and *John Smith*, are principal Ringleaders of, and Actors in the Riots and Disturbances aforesaid; and that it is therefore the Opinion of this Committee, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, *Desiring* that he will be pleased to issue a Proclamation, offering a Reward of *Fifty Pounds*, for apprehending and securing any or either of the Persons above named, in his Majesty's Goal in *Albany*, and commanding the Magistrates and other civil Officers of the Counties of *Albany* and *Charlotte*, to be active and vigilant in suppressing the said Riots, and preserving the public Peace and good Order; as well as for bringing to Justice the Perpetrators and Authors of the said Riots.

V. *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Bill be brought in effectually to suppress the said riotous and disorderly Proceedings; maintain the free Course of Justice, and for bringing the Offenders to condign Punishment.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the said Resolutions were severally read a second Time.

*Resolved*,

That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Ordered,



Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the last Resolution, and that Mr. *Brush* and Col. *Ten Broeck* prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered,

That Capt. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Walton* wait on his Excellency the Governor with the foregoing Address and Resolutions of this House.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. the 7th February, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the Year, in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster, Albany, and Westchester*, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to include within the District of Schenectady, a Tract of Land in the County of Albany, granted to Frederick Morris, and others, commonly called Corry's Brook, or Bush; and likewise all the Lands that do now belong to the Corporation of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of *James Dunscomb*, of the City of *New-York*, Cooper, an insolvent Debtor, was presented to the House, and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for his Relief.

And then a Petition of *George Traile*, of the City of *New-York*, Snuff-Maker, an insolvent Debtor, and sundry of his Creditors, was presented to the House, and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for his Relief.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 8th February, 1774.*

Mr. *De Lancey* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare what shall be a forcible Entry or Detainer*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *De Witt*, moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the more equal Taxation of Estates in *Ulster* County.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Brush* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland; and to facilitate the raising the County Charges in the said County.*

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Clinton* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent fraudulent Impositions in the Sale of Goods in *Ulster* County.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Capt. *Seaman* from the Committee appointed to see what Laws are expired or near expiring, reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House, that the several Laws for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks, will expire the first Day of *January* next, and that they conceive it will be to the Advantage of this Colony, that they should be continued for a longer Time.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in more effectually to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks; and that Col. *Seaman* and Mr. *Jauncey* prepare and bring in the same.

A Petition



A Petition of a Number of the Freeholders of the *Oblong* Patent, in *Dutchess* County, was presented to the House, and read, praying that a Bill may be brought in to divide the said Patent into three Districts, for the more easy Recovery of his Majesty's Quit Rents.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr. *Brinckerhoff* and Mr. *Van Cortlandt* prepare and bring in the same.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Smith*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery-Ward and the Out-Ward of the City of New-York, on the Easterly Side of Montgomery-Ward.*

And, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster.*

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making a further Provision of Two Thousand Pounds, for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony, with Necessaries for one Year*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; and upon his asking the Committee whether they agreed to the same, and would direct him to report them to the House? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

For the Negative.

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| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,     | Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Fauncey</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Speaker</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Van Kleeck</i> ,   | Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>Billogg</i> ,      | Col. <i>Wells</i> ,        |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,      | Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> .       |

Capt. *Seaman*,  
Mr. *Clinton*.

Mr. *Kissam* then reported the said Bill and Amendments to the House; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. *Kissam* then also from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay an additional Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary:

Mr. *Speaker*,

*His Excellency the Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this House at his Residence in Broad-Street.*

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, resumed the Chair, and reported, That his Excellency, in the Presence of the Council and the Members of this House, had given his Assent to eight Acts passed this Session, the Titles whereof are as follow, viz.

*An Act further to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, imported into this Colony therein mentioned.*



*An Act to enable posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Father's Life Time.*

*An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the 1st Day of February, 1774, to the 1st Day of February, 1775, inclusive.*

*An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New-York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour.*

*An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New-York, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1800, for the Uses therein mentioned.*

*An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery-Ward and the Out-Ward of the City of New-York, on the easterly Side of Montgomery-Ward.*

*An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Albany, for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding £. 160, for the Purposes therein mentioned. And,*

*An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster.*

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several Messages, &c. referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration on *Friday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 9th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making a further Provision of £. 2000, for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one Year*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Kissam* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony*; was read the Third Time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Wilkins* and Mr. *Billopp* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Brush* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. *Seaman* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act more effectually to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Brinckerhoff* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Oblong Patent, in Dutchess County, into three Districts*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *De Witt* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clinton* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent fraudulent Impositions in the Sale of Goods, in Ulster County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.



Mr. Brush (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland, and to facilitate the raising the County Charges in the said County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and other Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of *Westchester*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the Act, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads of the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*, is very disagreeable and inconvenient to them; and therefore humbly pray that the said Act may be repealed; and that they may regulate and keep in Repair the Highways in the said Borough as they formerly had done, with this Exception, That the Poor who have no Freeholds may be allowed to work only one Day in the Year.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads of the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; and that the Petitioners, or some of them, attend the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed, on *Wednesday* the 16th Instant, to shew Cause why the Act should be repealed, as prayed for in their Petition; and that the Clerk of this House serve the Petitioners with a Copy of this Order.

A Petition of *Mary Valentine*, Relict of *Thomas Valentine*, deceased, was presented to the House, and read, praying that Provision may be made for the Payment of her Account, for the Services of her said deceased Husband, late Surveyor, authorized by the Government of *New-York*, in ascertaining the Boundary Line between this Colony and the Province of *Quebec*.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to proceed to the Examination of the Witnesses in the Controversy between *Isaac Willet*, late Sheriff of the County of *Westchester*, and the Supervisors of the said County, relative to sundry Sums of Money paid for Escapes by the said Sheriff, in the Year 1751, as set forth in his Petition, presented to the House the last Session, when the Parties with their Witnesses attending according to said Order, were called in.

Ordered,

That the said Examination be had before a Committee of the whole House, and that the House do resolve itself into the said Committee immediately.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly: After some Time spent in examining the Witnesses, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House, that they had gone through the Examination of the Witnesses, and had also directed him to move for Leave to sit again: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and thereupon it was

Resolved,

That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House To-morrow, to determine thereon.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 10th February, 1774.*

Mr. *Thomas* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare Harrison's Purchase, a Precinct independent of and distinct from Rye*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.



Mr. Gale moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act to raise £. 1500, for draining the drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen, in Orange County.*

*Ordered,* That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of *Daniel Harring*, and Sixty-seven others; also a Petition of *Isaac Blauvelt*, and Thirty-three others; also a Petition of *Harmanus Snyder*, and Twenty-six others; also a Petition of *Benjamin Benson*, and Twenty-two others; also a Petition of *Moses Clement*, and Seven others; also a Petition of *Peter Snyder*, and Six others; also a Petition of *John Blauvelt*, and Four others; and also a Petition of *Abraham Harring*, and Nine others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of *Orange*: And a Petition of *Henry Townsend*, and Twenty-five others; also a Petition of *John Mintborne*, and Eleven others; also a Petition of *George Whiteman*, and Sixty-nine others; also a Petition of *Colvil Carpenter*, and Thirty-six others; also a Petition of *Samuel Vance*, and Thirty-four others; also a Petition of *Richard Dowdle*, and Forty-seven others; and also a Petition of *William Rogers*, and Thirty-five others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the North Side of the Mountains, in the County of *Orange*, were severally presented to the House, and read, praying that the Bill now before this House, for the Division of the said County may be rejected.

Then a Petition of *Daniel Martin*, and Eighty others; also a Petition of *John Gafner*, and Eleven others; also a Petition of *Jacob Myer*, and Forty-one others; also a Petition of *Daniel Coe, Jun.* and Forty-nine others; also a Petition of *James Christy*, and Seventy-two others; and also a Petition of *Roger Osborn*, and Sixty-two others; Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of *Orange*, were severally presented to the House, and read, praying that the Bill now before this House for the Division of the said County, may pass into a Law.

*Ordered,*

That the said several Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties.*

The House (according to Order of Yesterday) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to determine the Controversy between *Isaac Willet*, late Sheriff of the County of *Westchester*, and the Supervisors of the said County: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House, that they were of Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petition of the said *Isaac Willet*, for a Bill to oblige the Supervisors of the County of *Westchester*, to reimburse him for sundry Sums of Money paid for Escapes when High Sheriff of said County, be rejected: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read.

*Resolved,*

That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Report.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties*; and the several Petitions preferred against the same.

The House then accordingly resolved itself into a Committee upon the said Bill and Petitions; and also upon the Petitions presented this Day: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Brush* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they had read the Petitions preferred this Day, in the Committee, and made some Progress in hearing the Testimony of the Petitioners; and that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to sit again: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read;---whereupon it was

*Resolved,*

That this House will again on *Tuesday* the 22d Instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill, &c.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 11th February, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent fraudulent Impositions in the Sale of Goods in Ulster County*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of Albany and Nassau-Island, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for rendering more effectual an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. De Noyelles (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Gale (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to raise £. 1500, for draining the drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen, in Orange County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. Ten Broeck, from the Committee of the whole House to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to include within the District of Schenectady, a Tract of Land in the County of Albany, granted to Frederick Morris, and others, commonly called Corry's Brook, or Bush; and likewise all the Lands that do now belong to the Corporation of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady*; reported, that they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable Roger Morris, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for making a further Provision of Two Thousand Pounds, for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony, with Necessaries for one Year.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble-Town, in Ulster County.*

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon his Excellency's Speech and Messages, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Kiffam reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they had made some further Progress therein, and had also directed him to move for Leave to sit again: Which Report he

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read



read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read ;---and thereupon it was

*Resolved,*

That this House will again on *Tuesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed to the further Consideration of his Excellency's Speech, &c.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 12th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to include within the District of Schenectady, a Tract of Land in the County of Albany, granted to Frederick Morris, and others, commonly called Corry's Brook, or Bush; and likewise all the Lands that do now belong to the Corporation of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady;* was read the third Time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Ten Eyck* and Mr. *Brinckerhoff*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Abatement of certain Suits by the Death of the Parties;* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of *William Mackelvain*, and also a Petition of *James O'Brien*, insolvent Debtors in the City of *New-York*; and also a Petition of *James Green*, an insolvent Debtor in the County of *Westchester*, were severally presented to the House and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

*Hackaliab Brown* attending at the Door, was called in, and informed the House, that he was much concerned, and hoped it would be a sufficient Apology, that through his Indisposition, and the inclement Season of the Year, he had not been able to attend on *Thursday* last, in Obedience to an Order of the House, of the 29th Ult. to shew Cause why the Prayer of the Petition of *William Brown*, an insolvent Debtor confined in Gaol in the County of *Westchester*, should not be granted.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Petition, and to examine the said *Hackaliab Brown* touching the several Matters contained in the same: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Seaman* reported, that he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they are of Opinion that the said Petition be dismissed; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Col. *Ten Broeck*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the breaking and defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony;* reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause be engrossed.

Col. *Ten Broeck* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon;* reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amend-  
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ments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare Harrison's Purchase a Precinct independent of and distinct from Rye*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Westchester, Dutchess and Orange*, or the major Part of them.

And then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. the 14th February 1774.*

The House met, and adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 15th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the breaking or defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Col. *Philips* and Col. *Wells* to carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair, the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Col. *Ten Broeck* and Mr. *Thomas*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland; and to facilitate the raising the County Charges in the said County*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary:

GENTLEMEN,

THE running of the Boundary Line between this Province and *Quebec*, being undertaken at the mutual Expence of both Governments, Mr. *Collins* and Mr. *Sauthier*, the Surveyors last employed on that Service, have furnished me with a signed Account of the several Disbursements [leaving the Pay of their own Services to the respective Provinces] whereby I am enabled to send you the Amount of what is due to each of those Gentlemen, which I recommend to your Consideration and Allowance. The Field Book and Plan of the Survey, I also send for your Inspection, that you may have the fullest Information of the Nature of this Service.

NEW-YORK,  
14th Feb. 1774.

WM. TRYON.

*Ordered,*

That the said Message, and the several Papers accompanying the same, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

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The House then (according to the Order of the 11th Instant) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Excellency's Speech, and upon the several other Matters referred to the said Committee: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they had agreed to sundry Resolutions; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Table, where the same were again read, and are as follow, *viz.*

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for Fire-wood and Candles for his Majesty's *Fort-George* in the City of *New-York*, from the first Day of *September*, 1773, to the first Day of *September*, 1774, after the Rate of £. 400 per Annum.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Honourable *Daniel Horsmanden*, Esq; as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and for going the Circuits, from the first Day of *September*, 1773, to the first Day of *September*, 1774, after the Rate of £. 300 per Annum.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Hon. *Robert R. Livingston*, Esq; one of the puisne Judges of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and for going the Circuits, from and to the Time aforesaid, after the Rate of £. 200 per Annum.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee that there be allowed unto the Hon. *George D. Ludlow*, Esq; one other of the puisne Judges of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and for going the Circuits, from and to the Time aforesaid, after the Rate of £. 200 per Annum.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Hon. *Thomas Jones*, Esq; the other puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and going for the Circuits, from the 29th Day of *September*, 1773, to the first Day of *September*, 1774, after the Rate of £. 200 per Annum.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto such of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Colony as may attend the Circuit Courts in the Counties of *Tryon*, *Charlotte*, *Cumberland* and *Gloucester*, or either of them; the Sum of £. 50, to the said Justice or Justices that shall so attend; and for the Attendance of such Justice or Justices on any special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, and general Goal Delivery, in either of the said Counties, other than such special Commission, which may be held when the Circuit Courts in the said Counties are held, the further Sum of £. 50, to the said Justice or Justices so attending; and for the Attendance of such Justice or Justices on such special Commission, in the County of *Albany*, the Sum of £. 30; and for the other Counties in this Colony not already provided for, the Sum of £. 20.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Secretary of this Colony, for the Time being, for engrossing and enrolling the Acts of the General Assembly, from and to the Time aforesaid, after the Rate of £. 40 per Annum.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that there be allowed unto the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, for his Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, the Sum of £. 30.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Door-Keeper



Keeper of the Council, for the Time being, for his Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, the Sum of £. 30.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Hugh Gaine*, for Services performed by him as publick Printer of this Colony, as per Account, the Sum of

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Thomas Moore* and *John Griffiths*, as Gaugers of Liquor subject to a Duty within this Colony, or to the Gaugers thereof, for the Time being, from and to the Time aforesaid, after the Rate of £. 30, *per Annum*, to each of them.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Thomas Hill* and *Josiah Smith*, Land and Tide-Waiters, or to the Land and Tide-Waiters for the Time being, for their Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, after the Rate of £. 50 *per Annum*, to each of them.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that there be allowed unto *Abraham Lott*, Esq; Treasurer of this Colony, or to the Treasurer for the Time being, for his Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, after the Rate of £. 200 *per Annum*.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the said Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the Time being, for the extraordinary Services which he is now obliged to perform beyond the usual Duty of his Office, after the Rate of the further Sum of £. 100.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Edmund Burk*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, in *Great-Britain*, as a Reward for his Care, Trouble and Diligence in attending upon his Majesty and his Ministers of State, in that Station, from the First Day of *September, 1773*, to the First Day of *September, 1774*, after the Rate of £. 500 *per Annum*: Which said Sum, or so much thereof as shall be really and truly due, shall be paid unto the said *Edmund Burk*, or to his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, by an Order of the General Assembly of this Colony, signed by their Speaker for the Time being, and not otherwise: And also the further Sum of One Hundred and Forty Pounds for the contingent Charges of the said Agent.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *John Taber Kemp*, Esq; for extraordinary Services performed by him as Attorney General of this Colony, from and to the Time aforesaid, after the Rate of £. 150 *per Annum*.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Edmund Seaman*, Esq; Clerk to the General Assembly, for his Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, *Twenty Shillings per Diem*, payable upon a Certificate from the General Assembly, signed by the Speaker, for the Number of Days he has or may serve the General Assembly.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the said *Edmund Seaman*, for fundry Disbursements by him made for the Use of the General Assembly, the Sum of

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Gerard Bancker*, as Assistant Clerk to the General Assembly, for his Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, *Twenty Shillings per Diem*, payable upon a Certificate from



from the General Assembly, signed by the Speaker, for the Number of Days he has or may serve the General Assembly.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Alexander Lamb*, Door-Keeper of the General Assembly, for his Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, *Six Shillings per Diem*, payable upon a Certificate from the General Assembly, signed by the Speaker, for the Number of Days he has or may serve the General Assembly.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the said *Alexander Lamb*, for providing Fire-Wood and fundry Neccessaries for the Use of his Majesty's Council and the General Assembly, the Sum of

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *William Scott*, Serjeant at Arms, for his Services in that Station, from and to the Time aforesaid, *Six Shillings per Diem*, payable upon a Certificate from the General Assembly, signed by the Speaker, for the Number of Days he has served, or may serve the General Assembly.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *John Martin*, as Gunner and Keeper of the Colony Stores, from the First Day of *September, 1773*, to the First Day of *September, 1774*, after the Rate of £. 20 per Annum.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed for such contingent and extraordinary Expences that may happen on Emergencies, for the Services of this Colony, from and to the Time aforesaid, the Sum of £. 100.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for his Expences and incidental Charges on his Journey to *Hartford* last Spring, to meet Governor *Hutchinson*, in order to assent to and confirm the Agreement entered into by the Commissaries appointed by the Provinces of *New-York* and *Massachusetts-Bay*, for settling the Line of Jurisdiction between the two Governments, as per Account, the Sum of £. 215 16 9 3-4.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto his said Excellency, for Repairs in *Fort George*, and for four additional Rooms at the Battery, as per Account, the Sum of £. 705.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Robert Yates*, Surveyor, employed by the Commissaries appointed to settle the Line of Jurisdiction between the Governments of *New-York* and *Massachusetts-Bay*, for the Travers and Survey of *Hudson's River*, and two Lines traversed, one from the North-West Corner of the *Massachusetts-Bay* to *Hudson's River*; and the other from the North-West Corner of the *Oblong*, to said River, including the Sum of £. 50 voted last Session, the Sum of £. 93 4 6.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the foregoing several Allowances be made payable out of the Monies arisen, or which may arise by Virtue of the following Acts, viz. The Act, entitled, *An Act further to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony, therein mentioned.* The Act, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Sale of Goods, at public Vendue, Auction or Out-Cry, within this Colony.* And the Act, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony, from selling without Licence, with an Addition thereto.*

Which



Which Resolutions being severally read a second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Resolutions, and that Col. *Woodbull* and Mr. *Walton*, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Kissam* then also reported, that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again: Whereupon it was

*Resolved,*

That this House will again To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed to the further Consideration of his Excellency's Speech, &c.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Charles Ward Apthorpe*, Esq; acquainting the House that the Council have passed a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain unlawful and disorderly Gaming Houses in the Colony of New-York.* Which engrossed Bill from the Council, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Oliver De Lancey*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates.* Which engrossed Bill from the Council was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *John Harris Cruger*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony.* Which engrossed Bill from the Council was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Mercurij, 10 bo. A. M. the 16th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Kissam* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain unlawful and disorderly Gaming-Houses in the Colony of New-York*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the better settling Intestates Estates*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony, from selling without Licence; with an Addition thereto*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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Mr. *Walton* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of *Francis Martin*, an insolvent Debtor, confined in Goal in the City of *Albany*; also a Petition of *John Barrow*, an insolvent Debtor in the City of *New-York*; and also a Petition of *Abraham Witmore*, an insolvent Debtor in the County of *Westchester*, were severally presented to the House and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of *Richard Cornwell*, *Joshua Carman*, *John Wood*, and Seven Hundred and Sixteen others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Dutchess*, was presented to the House, and read; praying that a Bill may be brought in to divide the said County into two Counties.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of this House serve the Supervisors of the said County with a Copy of the said Petition, and that they cause the same to be published in their respective Districts, that if any Person or Persons have Objections thereto, they may make them to this House within Fourteen Days after the next Meeting thereof, after the First Day of *November* next.

A Petition of *Herman Zedtwitz*, *Michael Croos*, *Johannes Hoak*, *Christopher Lank*, *William Monk*, *John Maley*, *Godfrey Enax*, *Michael Dieterick*, *Andries Abel*, *Anthony Reyleyne*, *Christopher Beekman*, *John M. Horn*, *Adam Beamer*, *John Shorter*, *Jacob Lan*, *William Grueber*, *Daniel Tiers*, *Johannes Young*, *Coonrad Moore*, *Fredrick Kimbrack*, *Hendrick Friend*, *Michael Steen*, *Jost German*, *George Teis*, *Christian Fritts*, and *Mathys Aut*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That they are by Education and Profession Protestants, but of foreign Birth, and are very desirous of becoming his Majesty's liege Subjects within this Colony; and therefore humbly pray that a Bill may be brought in for their Naturalization.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and that *Col. Woodhull* and *Mr. Clinton* prepare and bring in the same.

*Mr. Kissam*, from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 5 o'Clock this Afternoon.

5 ho. P. M.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads of the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; and upon the Petition of the Corporation and other Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said Borough, presented to this House the 9th Instant: After some Time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Jauncey* reported, that he was directed by the Committee, to report their Proceedings to the House; which he did in Manner following, viz.

That



That after Reading the Bill and Petition in the Committee, and hearing some of the Petitioners in support of the Prayer thereof, for a Bill to repeal the Act, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; he asked the Committee, Whether it was their Opinion to proceed upon the Bill? Upon which Debates arose, and upon his putting the Question thereon, it was carried in the Negative.

That he then asked the Committee, Whether it was their Opinion, a Bill should be brought in to repeal the Act as prayed for in the said Petition? And that upon his putting the Question thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered therefore,*

That a Bill be brought in to repeal the Act, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; and that Mr. Thomas and Mr. Van Cortlandt prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 17th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Capt. Seaman and Mr. Rapalje do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. Woodhull (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Thomas (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of William B. Whiting and Matthew Adgate, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Albany, was presented to the House, and read, praying a Recompence for their Expences, Loss of Time, and extraordinary Services in assisting to apprehend and bringing to Justice a Number of Persons concerned in counterfeiting the Paper Currency of this Colony, and the Specie circulated therein.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

Mr. De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

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Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Persons living at *Gowanes*, in *King's County*, presented to this House the 28th Ult. praying for a Law to enable them to dig thro' a Road already laid out across a Ditch which is dug from *Gowanes-Bay* to the *East-River*.---And to whom was also referred the Petition of *Jacob Seabring*, *John Van Dyck*, and *Jacob Seabring*, Jun. presented to this House the 3d Inst. praying that the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be not granted; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House that they are of Opinion that a Committee be appointed to examine into the same; and that they report their Opinion thereupon to the House with all convenient Speed. Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered therefore,

That Mr. *Walton*, Mr. *Kissam*, Capt. *Seaman*, Mr. *Brinckerhoff*, and Mr. *De Noyelles*, be a Committee for that Purpose; and that they do with all convenient Speed report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony, from selling without Licence; with an Addition thereto*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. *Wilkins* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to reduce the Interest of Money from seven to six per Cent.* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to make the following Report to the House, to wit.

That after reading the Bill in the Committee, he asked the Committee whether it was their Opinion the Bill should be proceeded on? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

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| Col. <i>Wells</i> ,      | Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,        |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> , | Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , |
| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,    | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> .       |
| Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,     |                            |

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> .      |

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. *Thomas* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare Harrison's Purchase a Precinct independent of and distinct from Rye*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed.

A Message



A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary.

GENTLEMEN,

SINCE my last Message to you, I have received a Letter from Mr. *Collins*, the Surveyor on the Part of *Quebec*, for running the Partition Line between that Province and *New-York*; with Copies of the Accounts of that Service, as settled by the Government of *Quebec*; whereby it appears that he has made a Claim against this Province for only *Ten Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Six-pence, Halifax Money*: You will perceive however, that Mr. *Collins* has credited this Government with a larger Sum, by Mr. *Sauthier*, than what was actually advanced by him; consequently there must be an Error in that Article of Mr. *Collins's* Account.

The Overture made by Mr. *Collins*, to compleat the Extention of the Boundary Line to Lake *St. Francois*, as the Surveyor for both Provinces, for the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds Sterling*, is thought a reasonable Proposition by the Government of *Quebec*, and I esteem it worthy of your Consideration, Mr. *Collins* being, in my Opinion, a Gentleman in the Integrity of whose Conduct in the faithful Performance of that Service an entire Confidence may be placed. The Accomplishment of it would effectually prevent all further Trouble or Controversy about the Boundary between the two Governments.

NEW-YORK,  
17th Feb. 1774.

WM. TRYON.

Ordered,

That the said Message, and the Papers accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 18th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Boerum* and Col. *Woodhull* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence, with an Addition thereto*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Kleeck* and Mr. *Rapalje* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare Harrison's Purchase a Precinct independent of and distinct from Rye*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,



*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Thomas* and Mr. *De Noyelles* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare what shall be a forcible Entry or Detainer*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Ten Eyck* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negroes and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned relating thereto*.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Van Cortlandt* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the more easy Recovery of the Possession of Lands.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of *Johannis Sickles* and *Lewis Morris*, Esq; was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That a Road laid from the City of *New-York*, through *Haerlem*, *Morrissania*, and the Borough of *Westchester*, to *Eastchester*, will shorten the Distance four Miles, and will be over a more level Tract of Country than the present Road now is: That the Petitioners are Tenants in Fee of the Soil adjoining *Haerlem* River, of which they will bestow upon the Public as much as will be necessary for laying out the said Road through their Tenements: That to render such Road really beneficial, it will be requisite to build a Bridge across *Haerlem* River; the Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant them Relief therein.

*Ordered therefore,*

That a Bill be brought in to enable the Petitioners to erect a public Bridge across *Haerlem* River; and that Mr. *Jauncey* and Mr. *Walton* prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Clinton* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the Year in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Walton* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named to erect a public Bridge across Haerlem River*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Thomas* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Mr.



Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Counties therein mentioned*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clause, be engrossed.

Mr. *Clinton* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent fraudulent Impositions in the Sale of Goods in Ulster County*; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that the Committee are of Opinion that the said Bill be not proceeded on. Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. *Brush* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying out, regulating, and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland, and to facilitate the Raising the County Charges in the said County*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary.

GENTLEMEN,

IN your Address to me at the opening of the present Session, you observed that it would afford you great Satisfaction to know from whence the Accident of the Fire in *Fort George* arose. Mr. *Hardenbrook*, the Superintendant of the late Repairs in the Mansion House, has, by my Direction, surveyed and examined the Council Chimney, and made such a Report of its original Construction, and the Alterations it has undergone since the Building, and illustrated the same by a Plan, in such a Manner as appears to me to point out the probable Cause of that unfortunate Event. That Plan and Report accompany this Message.

NEW-YORK,  
18th Feb. 1774.

WM. TRYON.

*Ordered,*

That the said Message, and the Papers accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration on *Wednesday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.



*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 19th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the Year, in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*,

That Mr. *Brinckerhoff* and Mr. *De Witt* do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out public High Ways in the County of Westchester*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*,

That Mr. *Thomas* and Mr. *Brush*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *De Lancey* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the public Roads in the City and County of New-York*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, mending and further laying out public High Roads and others, in the County of Ulster*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess*, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named to erect a public Bridge across Haerlem River*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of *John Duncan*, in Behalf of himself and others, Freeholders in the Township of *Schenectady*, was presented to the House and read; praying to be served with a Copy of the Bill now under Commitment, entitled, *An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany*; that they may have an Opportunity to make their Objections thereto, at the next Session.

*Ordered*,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

A Petition of *Henry Bickers*, an insolvent Debtor, in the City of *New-York*, and sundry of his Creditors, was presented to the House and read; praying a Bill may be brought in for his Relief.

*Ordered*,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *De Lancey* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare what shall be a forcible Entry or Detainer*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Ten Eyck* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual preventing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negroes and other Slaves; for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned relating thereto*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

And then the House adjourned till *Monday* next, 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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*Die Lunæ, 3 ho. P. M. the 21st February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Cities of New-York and Albany, and Counties of Queen's and Suffolk*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Kissam* and Mr. *Jauncey* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

*Peter R. Livingston*, Esq; appearing in the Assembly Chamber, and producing an Indenture of his being duly elected and returned a Representative for the Manor of *Livingston*; and the same being read; and upon Mr. Speaker's asking the House whether two Members should wait on one of the Commissioners appointed to qualify the Representatives returned to serve in this present General Assembly, and see Mr. *Livingston* qualified? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,   | Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,    | Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> , | Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,   | Mr. <i>Van Kleeck</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,    | Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,   | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> ,  |
| Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,    | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> .      |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,  |                           |

For the Negative.

Mr. *Clinton*,  
Col. *Ten Broeck*.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Van Kleeck* and Col. *Woodhull* wait on one of the Commissioners appointed to qualify the Representatives returned to serve in this present General Assembly, and see Mr. *Livingston* qualified.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the public Roads in the City and County of New-York*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *Brinckerhoff* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for declaring what shall be a forcible Entry or Detainer*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Nicoll* and Mr. *Walton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland; and to facilitate the Raising the County Charges in the said County*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Brush* and Mr. *Thomas* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New-York, chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *New-York, Westchester, and Orange*, or the major Part of them.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act more effectually to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. Ten Broeck moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the better laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte*.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. De Witt from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, mending, and further laying out public High Roads and others, in the County of Ulster*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 22d February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clinton and Col. Wells, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual preventing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negroes and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned, relating thereto*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. De Lancey from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New-York, chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and altered the Title; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendment, in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendment, be engrossed.

A Petition of Andros Onderdonk, and Ninety others, Freeholders of Haverstraw, in the County of Orange, was presented to the House and read; praying, That the Place for erecting a Court House and Goal, may be at Clark's-Town, which they conceive to be the most Central.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill to raise £. 1000, to build a new Court House and Gaol on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of Orange.

A Petition of Robert Thompson, and Twenty-three others: Also a Petition of James Little, and Eleven others: Also a Petition of David Cooley, and Twenty-two others: And also a Petition of James Thompson, and Twenty-seven others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the North Side of the Mountains, in the County of Orange, were severally presented to the House and read; praying, that the said County may not be divided by any Line whatever.

And



And then a Petition of *Johannis T. Haring*, and Thirty-two others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains, in the County of *Orange*, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that a Line from the Mouth of *Pooploopen's-Kill* or *Creek*, on *Hudson's-River*, to the House of *Stephen Slott*, and from thence on the same Direction, to the *Jersey* Line, will run near the Middle of the Mountains; and therefore humbly pray the Bill now under Commitment, for the Division of the said County, may pass agreeable to the Line described in their Petition.

Ordered,

That the five foregoing Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties.*

Mr. *Van Kleeck* reported, That Col. *Woodbull* and himself, had waited on one of the Commissioners appointed to qualify the Representatives returned to serve in this present General Assembly, and seen Col. *P. Livingston* qualified according to Law.

Ordered,

That Col. *P. Livingston* take his Seat at the Table.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Gun-powder voted at the last Session, being now expended, I am to apply to you to make Provision for a further Supply for his Majesty's Service, and the Use of this Province.

NEW-YORK,  
22d Feb. 1774.

WM. TRYON.

Ordered,

That the said Message be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties.* And upon the several Petitions presented relative thereto being read,

The House then accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill and Petitions; and also upon the Petitions presented this Day: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Brus* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to make the following Report to the House, *to wit.*

That after reading the Bill and Petitions presented this Day in the Committee, and examining two Witnesses touching the same, the Committee proceeded to the mature Consideration thereof; and after some Time spent in debating the Matter, a Motion was made by Mr. *Gale*, in these Words, *to wit.*

Mr. Chairman,

I Move that the Bill be rejected.

Upon Which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Negative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , |
| Mr. Speaker,              | Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,      |
| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,     | Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,    | Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,      |
|                           | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,      |

For the Affirmative.

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| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , | Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,  |
| Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,           | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,        | Mr. <i>Van Kleeck</i> , |
| Col. <i>Wells</i> ,         | Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,        | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> .     |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,    |                         |

That he then proceeded to read the Bill Paragraph by Paragraph; and that after going thro' the same, and having made several Amendments thereto, a Motion was made by Mr. *Clinton*, in the following Words, *to wit.*

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Mr.



Mr. Chairman,

**I** Move that the following Clause be added to the Bill, *to wit*.

Whereas the Representation of the District comprehending the two Counties above mentioned, by four Members in the General Assembly, would give an undue Weight to the same against the other Counties,

Be it therefore enacted by the same Authority, That the said two Counties of *Orange* and *Lancaster*, shall not be represented in General Assembly by more than two Members, *to wit*. By one for each of them, until the other Counties in this Colony shall be represented in General Assembly by double the Number of Members they now respectively have; to the Intent that the several Parts of this Colony may continue to have as fair and equal a Representation as before the passing of this Act.

Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Fauncey</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,  |
| Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> ,  | Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       | Mr. Speaker,           |
| Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,         | Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> , |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,      | Col. <i>Philips</i> .  |

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,        |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,      |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,        |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> .       |

That a Motion was then made by Mr. *Clinton*, in these Words, *to wit*.

Mr. Chairman,

**I** Move that the following Clause be added to the Bill, *viz*.

And in as much as this Act is founded, in Part, upon the Supposition that a sufficient Number of impartial Jurors may be procured for the Dispensation of Justice in each of the said two Counties hereby created, or at least in both of them, and it would be injurious and burthensome to bring Juries from other Counties,

Be it therefore enacted by the same Authority, That it shall not be lawful to bring foreign Jurors from any other Counties than one or other of the said Counties hereby created, in Tryals upon Issues arising within either of the said Counties of *Orange* and *Lancaster* above named, unless it shall appear to the Court in which such Issues are had that no impartial Jury for the Tryal thereof can be had in the said two Counties, nor in either of them.

Upon which Debates also arose; and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Fauncey</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> ,  | Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       | Mr. Speaker,                |
| Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,         | Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,      |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,      | Col. <i>Philips</i> ,       |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,    | Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,  | Capt. <i>Seaman</i> .       |

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> , |
| Mr. <i>De Witt</i> . |

That he then asked the Committee whether they agreed to the Bill as amended, and would direct him to report it to the House? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz*.

For



For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Brinckerhoff, | Col. Seaman,  |
| Mr. Boerum,       | Mr. Thomas,   |
| Col. Philips,     | Mr. Ten Eyck, |
| Mr. Billopp,      | Mr. Rapalje,  |
| Mr. Speaker,      | Mr. Kiffam,   |
| Mr. De Lancey,    | Mr. Walton.   |
| Mr. De Noyelles,  |               |

For the Negative.

Col. P. Livingston,  
Mr. Gale,  
Mr. Jauncey,  
Mr. Clinton,  
Col. Ten Broeck,  
Col. Woodhull,  
Mr. De Witt,  
Capt. Seaman,  
Mr. Nicoll.

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table; and upon Mr. Speaker's asking the House whether they would receive the Bill, with the Amendments? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Brinckerhoff, | Col. Seaman,  |
| Mr. Boerum,       | Mr. Thomas,   |
| Col. Philips,     | Mr. Ten Eyck, |
| Mr. Billopp,      | Mr. Rapalje,  |
| Mr. De Lancey,    | Mr. Kiffam,   |
| Mr. De Noyelles,  | Mr. Walton.   |

For the Negative.

Col. P. Livingston,  
Mr. Gale,  
Mr. Jauncey,  
Mr. Clinton,  
Col. Ten Broeck,  
Col. Woodhull,  
Mr. De Witt,  
Capt. Seaman,  
Mr. Nicoll,  
Mr. Brush.

The said Bill and Amendments being then read, and upon Mr. Speaker's asking the House whether they agreed thereto, and would order the same to be engrossed? Debates also arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in the same Manner as the last preceding Question was.

Ordered therefore,

That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Col. P. Livingston moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston.*

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 23d February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New-York, chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned;* was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. De Lancey and Col. Ten Broeck do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the County of Orange into two Counties;* was read the third Time; and upon Mr. Speaker's asking the House whether the Bill should pass? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

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| Col. Wells,         | Col. Woodhull,     |
| Col. P. Livingston, | Mr. Nicoll,        |
| Mr. Clinton,        | Mr. Jauncey,       |
| Mr. Brush,          | Mr. Gale,          |
| Mr. De Witt,        | Mr. Van Kleeck,    |
| Col. Ten Broeck,    | Mr. Van Cortlandt, |
| Capt. Seaman,       | Mr. Wilkins.       |

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Brinckerhoff, | Mr. Ten Eyck,    |
| Mr. Kiffam,       | Mr. Boerum,      |
| Col. Philips,     | Mr. Walton,      |
| Mr. Rapalje,      | Col. Seaman,     |
| Mr. De Lancey,    | Mr. Billopp,     |
| Mr. Thomas,       | Mr. De Noyelles. |

Resolved



*Resolved therefore,*

That the said Bill be rejected.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Oblong Patent, in Dutchess County, into three Districts*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *P. Livingston* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. *Ten Broeck* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Van Cortlandt* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more easy Recovery of the Possession of Lands*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Nicoll* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny*.

*Ordered,*

That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of *Frederick Donaldson*, an insolvent Debtor, confined in Goal in the City of *New-York*; and also a Petition of *Philip Cuyler*, an insolvent Debtor in the City of *Albany*, were presented to the House and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of Capt. *Samuel Tuder*, in Behalf of himself and the other Officers and Men of the Independent Company of Artillery in the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House and read, praying that Provision may be made for the Purchase of Powder for the Use of the said Company.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of *Samuel Ellis*, and Ninety-nine other Persons, residing in the City of *New-York*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That they support themselves and Families by the Business of providing Oysters for the Market in said City; that the Scarcity of that Article in the Vicinity of the City induces them often to go as far as the *Great-Bay at Brook-Haven, Islip, &c.* where a Set of People, calling themselves Tolerators, exact from them *One Shilling* for every Tun their Vessels are supposed by them to measure, and *Six-pence* for every Man on board; which if not immediately paid, they take their Sails or what else they think sufficient; which the Petitioners think a great Grievance, and therefore humbly pray this House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant them Relief therein.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of *Donald Mc. Intosh*, in Behalf of himself and many of the Inhabitants of the County of *Charlotte*, was presented to the House and read, praying the honourable House to fall upon such Means as may be thought necessary to restore Peace and good Government in that distracted Part of the Colony.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*.

A Message



A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Henry White*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Hugh Wallace*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence; with an Addition thereto.*

A Motion was made by Mr. *Brush*, in the following Words, to wit.

Mr. Speaker,

I Move that this House do resolve that there be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, as a Token of the deep Concern of this House for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire, towards a Compensation, in some Measure, of his great Losses; and as a public Testimonial of that high Respect and Esteem they bear to his Person and Family.

The House then proceeded to the mature Consideration of the said Motion; and after some Time spent in Debates thereon, Mr. Speaker put the Question, whether the House agreed thereto? Upon which they divided, and the Question was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,      | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,       | Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,         | Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,       |
| Col. <i>Wells</i> ,         | Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,          |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,        | Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , | Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> .       |

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Mr. <i>Billogg</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Kissam</i> ,       | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,      | Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       | Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,      |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Van Kleeck</i> .  |

*Resolved therefore,*

That there be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, as a Token of the deep Concern of this House for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire, towards a Compensation, in some Measure, of his great Losses; and as a public Testimonial of that high Respect and Esteem they bear to his Person and Family.

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in for making the said Allowance to his Excellency; and that Col. *Philips* and Col. *Ten Broeck* prepare and bring in the same.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 24th February, 1774.*

Mr. *Nicoll* (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny;* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

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Col. *Philips* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for making an Allowance of Five Thousand Pounds to his Excellency the Governor, as a Compensation, in Part, for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Brush* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for raising the Sum of £. 500, for reimbursing the Sums already expended in erecting Buildings for the Accommodation of Courts in the Township of *King's-Land*, and a Court-House and Goal in the Township of *Newberry*, in the County of *Gloucester*; and towards finishing the said Court-House and Goal.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. *Jauncey* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jauncey* and Mr. *Clinton* do carry back to the Council the aforesaid Bill, and acquaint them this House have passed the same without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Smith*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the breaking or defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the Year, in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess.*

Mr. *De Lancey* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of *New-York*, presented to this House the 27th ult. praying an Amendment or Suspension of the Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New-York*; reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House that they are of Opinion that a Bill be brought in to amend the said Act. Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered therefore,

That Mr. *De Lancey* and Mr. *De Noyelles* prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the same.

Mr. *Gale* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County, into two Precincts*; reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House that they are of Opinion the said Bill be not proceeded on. Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. *Jauncey* from the Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions relative to the laying a Road through the Land of *Adolph Myer*, to a Place called *Mutie David's Fly*, in the Township of *Haerlem*; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House that they had examined into the Allegations of the Petitioners, and are of Opinion that a Bill be brought in to lay a Road through the Lands of *Adolph Myer*, agreeable to the Prayer of the Petition of several Inhabitants of the said Township of *Haerlem*, they paying the said *Adolph Myer* for the same, and such Damages as he shall sustain thereby; to be assessed by twelve able and sufficient Freeholders of the County of *Westchester*; and to keep in good and sufficient Fence



Fence both Sides of the Road so to be laid through the Lands of the said *Adolph Myer*. Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House; and thereupon it was

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in for that Purpose; and that Mr. *Jauncey* and Mr. *Thomas* prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Thomas* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read: And upon Mr. Speaker's asking the House whether they agreed to the Bill, and would order the same to be engrossed? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,        | Col. <i>Philips</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , | Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,     | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,        | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,     |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,     | Col. <i>Seaman</i> .     |

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,        |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> . |

*Ordered therefore,*

That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Nicoll* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration on *Tuesday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 25th February, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Thomas* and Mr. *Ten Eyck* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for making an Allowance of £. 5000, to his Excellency the Governor, as a Compensation, in Part, for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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Mr. Brush (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising the Sum of £. 500, for reimbursing the Sums already expended in erecting Buildings for the Accommodation of Courts in the Township of King's-Land, and a Court-House and Goal in the Township of Newberry, in the County of Gloucester; and towards finishing the said Court-House and Goal*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Jauncey (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named, to lay a Road thro' the Land of Adolph Myer, to Mutie David's Fly, in the Township of Haerlem*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. De Lancey (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New-York*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Gale from the Committee to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the Counties therein mentioned*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Ten Eyck moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*.

Ordered, That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of John Cannon, an insolvent Debtor, confined in Goal in the City of New-York; and also a Petition of Philip Riche, an insolvent Debtor in the County of Westchester, were presented to the House and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for their Relief.

And then a Petition of Benjamin Lester, of Queen's County, was presented to the House and read, praying that Benjamin Boyce may not have the Benefit of an insolvent Act, but that his Petition for that Purpose may be rejected.

Ordered,

That the three foregoing Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable Roger Morris, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the public Roads in the City and County of New-York*.

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland, and to facilitate the Raising the County Charges in the said County*.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable Oliver De Lancey, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County*.

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New-York, chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned*.

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Mr. Kiffam from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*; and to whom was also referred the Petition of Donald Mc. Intosh, presented the 23d Instant; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to make the following Report to the House, to wit.

That after reading the Bill and Petition thro' in the Committee, and upon reading the Bill again Paragraph by Paragraph, when they came to the sixth enacting Clause, Debates arose thereon, and upon his asking the Question whether they agreed to the said Clause, they divided, and it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Ten Eyck, | Mr. Boerum,         |
| Mr. Clinton,  | Col. Ten Broeck,    |
| Mr. Jauncey,  | Mr. Rapalje,        |
| Col. Philips, | Mr. Walton,         |
| Mr. Nicoll,   | Mr. Billopp,        |
| Mr. Wilkins,  | Col. P. Livingston, |
| Mr. Brush,    | Mr. De Lancey.      |
| Col. Wells,   |                     |

For the Negative.

Mr. De Witt,  
Mr. Van Cortlandt,  
Col. Woodhull,  
Mr. De Noyelles,  
Mr. Brinckerhoff,  
Capt. Seaman,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Gale,  
Col. Seaman,  
Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Kiffam then also reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 26th February, 1774.*

The engrossed, Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Security and more easy Recovery of Rents, and Renewal of Leases, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Rapalje, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the Places therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Col. P. Livingston, and Mr. De Witt, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more easy Recovery of the Possession of Lands*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act, to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of Albany and Ulster, or the major Part of them.

Mr. Ten Eyck (according to Leave) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.



Mr. Clinton moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of *Ulster* and *Orange*, from the East Side of the *Shawangunk* Mountains, to the *Delaware* River.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Gale moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to discharge the County of *Orange*, from the Payment of the Arrears of Taxes due from the Precinct of *Minisink*; and also for a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, *An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair, common, public and private Highways in the County of Orange*.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Col. P. Livingston moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, to raise the Sum of £. 6000, by Lottery or Lotteries, towards building a Province House for the Residence of the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, and a Secretary's Office, for the Security of the public Records of this Colony.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Gale from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 400, to finish the Court House in Goshen*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. Nicoll from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill be engrossed.

Col. Ten Broeck from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual preventing and punishing the Conspiracy and Insurrection of Negroes and other Slaves, for the better regulating them, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned, relating thereto*; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they are of Opinion the said Bill be not proceeded on: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next, 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Die Lunæ, 4 ho. P. M. the 28th February 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Kiffam, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 400, to finish the Court House and Gaol in Goshen, in the County of Orange*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *De Noyelles* and Mr. *Walton*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *De Neyolles* (in Behalf of Mr. *Gale*) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to discharge the County of Orange from the Payment of the Arrears of Taxes due from the Precinct of Minisfinck*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Nicoll* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Abatement of certain Suits by the Death of the Parties*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to divide the Oblong Patent, in Dutchess County, into three Districts*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 1st March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Abatement of Suits by the Death of the Parties*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Clinton* and Mr. *Ten Eyck* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more easy collecting his Majesty's Quit-Rents in the Oblong Patent in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester, and for dividing the same into three Districts*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Thomas* and Mr. *Brinckerhoff* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named, to lay a Road thro' the Land of Adolph Myer, to Mutie David's Fly, in the Township of Haerlem*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Clinton* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange, from the East Side of the Shawangonk Mountains to the Delaware River*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

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Col. *P. Livingston* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 6000 by Lottery or Lotteries, towards building a Province House and Secretary's-Office*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Thomas* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places, from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Gale* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair common, public and private Highways in the County of Orange*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary, to wit.

GENTLEMEN,

AS I imagine you have by this Time nearly finished the Business of this Session, it now becomes me to apply to you for a suitable Provision for the rebuilding of a Government House. His Majesty's Service, the Credit of the Colony, and the Conveniency of the Governor for the Time being, authorize the Recommendation.

The Experience I have had of your laudable Zeal and hearty Concurrence in whatever tends to the Honor of Government, and the Reputation of this Country, gives Confidence to my Hopes that you will adopt this Measure upon a very liberal Plan.

NEW-YORK,  
1st March, 1774.

WM. TRYON.

Ordered,

That the said Message be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

Mr. *Walton* from the Committee to whom it was referred to examine into the Petition of sundry Persons living at *Gowanes*, in *King's County*, presented to this House the 28th Day of *January* last, praying that a Bill may be brought in to enable them to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from *Gowanes-Bay* to the *East-River*, which is obstructed by a Road laid across the Land of *Jacob Sebring* and others; and also the Petition of *Jacob Sebring*, *John Van Dyck*, and *Jacob Sebring, Jun.* presented to this House the 3d ult. praying that the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be not granted; reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House that they had examined into the same, and are unanimously of Opinion that a Bill be brought in agreeable to the Prayer of the first Petition, under certain Restrictions. Which Report he read in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House; and thereupon it was

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Report; and that Mr. *Walton* and Mr. *Kissam* prepare and bring in the same.

A Message



A Message from the Council by the Honourable *John Harris Cruger*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Henry White*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Cities of New-York and Albany, and Counties of Queen's and Suffolk.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester; and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof.*

Mr. *Jauncey* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making an Allowance of £. 5000, to his Excellency the Governor, as a Compensation, in Part, for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire*; reported, That they had gone thro' the Bill without any Amendment; and upon his asking the Committee whether they agreed thereto, and would direct him to report it to the House? Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> ,  | Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> , |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,    | Mr. <i>Speaker</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,        | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,    |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Brush</i> .     |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,        |                        |

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       | Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,     |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,     | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,      |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,    | Mr. <i>Kissam</i> .      |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,       |                          |

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the Bill entitled, *An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany*; reported, that he was directed by the said Committee to make the following Report to the House, to wit.

That after reading the Bill through in the Committee, Col. *P. Livingston* moved that it be rejected; upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,     | Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Speaker</i> ,     |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,     | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,      |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,    | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,       |
|                           | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> .      |

For the Affirmative.

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| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> ,  |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,        |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> . |

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That Mr. *Clinton* then moved that the Bill be amended, by inserting therein, that the Freeholders of the Borough and Town of *Westchester*, and Manor of *Cortlandt*, be restricted from voting for Representatives in the County of *Westchester*, as well as those of the Manors of *Livingston* and *Rensselaerwyck*, and Township of *Schenectady*, are from voting in the County of *Albany*. Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in the same Manner as the preceding Question was carried in the Negative.

That Col. *Philips* then moved that the Clause for suspending the Act until it shall have received the Royal Approbation and Allowance, be struck out. Upon which Debates also arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

## For the Affirmative.

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| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Billopp</i> ,       |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , | Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,       |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,       | Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,   |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,        | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,        | Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,        |
|                             | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> .       |

## For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Speaker</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> . |

That after they had gone thro' the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and struck out a Clause, he asked the Committee whether they agreed to the same, and would direct him to report them to the House? Upon which Debates also arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

## For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Speaker</i> ,     | Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,         |
| Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,    | Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,    | Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,      |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,   | Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> , | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,      |
| Capt. <i>De Lancey</i> , | Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Thomas</i> .       |

## For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,        |
| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,       |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> ,  |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> .    |

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

## Ordered,

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

## Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 2d March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making an Allowance of £. 5000, to his Excellency the Governor, as a Compensation, in Part, for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire*; was read the third Time; and upon Mr. *Speaker*'s asking whether the Bill should pass? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For



For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Gale,           | Mr. De Witt,   |
| Col. Ten Broeck,    | Mr. Ten Eyck,  |
| Mr. Van Cortlandt,  | Col. Philips,  |
| Col. Wells,         | Mr. Walton,    |
| Mr. Clinton,        | Mr. Jauncey,   |
| Mr. Brush,          | Mr. De Lancey, |
| Col. P. Livingston, | Mr. Wilkins.   |

For the Negative.

Mr. Boerum,  
Mr. Rapalje,  
Mr. Kissam,  
Capt. Seaman,  
Mr. Nicoll,  
Col. Woodhull,  
Mr. Billopp,  
Col. Seaman,  
Mr. De Noyelles,  
Mr. Brinckerhoff,  
Mr. Thomas.

*Resolved therefore,*  
That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. De Lancey and Col. Philips do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany and County of Westchester*; was read the third Time; and upon Mr. Speaker's asking whether the Bill should pass? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Gale,      | Mr. Boerum,       |
| Col. Wells,    | Mr. Rapalje,      |
| Mr. Clinton,   | Mr. Kissam,       |
| Mr. Brush,     | Capt. Seaman,     |
| Mr. De Witt,   | Mr. Nicoll,       |
| Mr. Ten Eyck,  | Col. Woodhull,    |
| Mr. Walton,    | Mr. Billopp,      |
| Mr. Jauncey,   | Col. Seaman,      |
| Mr. De Lancey, | Mr. De Noyelles,  |
|                | Mr. Brinckerhoff, |
|                | Mr. Thomas.       |

For the Negative.

Col. Ten Broeck,  
Mr. Van Cortlandt,  
Col. P. Livingston,  
Col. Philips,  
Mr. Wilkins.

*Resolved therefore,*  
That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Ten Eyck and Mr. Thomas do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies, in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*; was read the third Time; and upon Mr. Speaker's asking whether the Bill should pass? an Amendment was proposed to the sixth enacting Clause, which was read, approved of by the House, and the Bill ordered to be amended accordingly; and the same (as amended) was again read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill (as amended) do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Jauncey and Col. Wells do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Col. P. Livingston from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange, from the East Side of the Shawangonk Mountains to the Delaware River*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Ulster, Orange, and Westchester*, or the major Part of them.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places, from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Township*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte*; was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *Albany, Cumberland, and Dutchess*, or the major Part of them.

A Petition of *William Dyckman, William Nagel*, and Thirty-nine others, Inhabitants of the City and County of *New-York*, residing on *Haerlem River*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the great Prejudice which they and others will receive in their Property and Means of Subsistence by the erecting a Bridge across *Haerlem River*, as petitioned for by *Johannis Sickles*, and *Lewis Morris, Esq*; and therefore humbly pray that the Bill now before the House for that Purpose may be rejected.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is committed, the Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named, to erect a public Bridge across Haerlem River*.

A Petition of *Caleb Pell*, and one Hundred and three others, Freetholders and Inhabitants of *East and West-Chester*, and *Yonkers*, in *Westchester* County; and also a Petition of *Samuel Rodman*, and one Hundred and Twenty two others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of *Pelham*, and *New-Rockelle*, in said County; were presented to the House and read, setting forth that a Draw-Bridge has been erected over a Creek which runs between *East-Chester* and the Manor aforesaid, which is threatened to be destroyed; and therefore humbly pray that a Bill may be brought in for preserving the said Bridge.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon his Excellency's Speech and Messages, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they had made some further Progress therein, and to move for Leave to sit again: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House; and thereupon it was,

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 3d March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Col. *P. Livingston*, and Col. *Ten Broeck* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto. The



The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New-York*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *Seaman* from the Committee of the whole House to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named*; reported, That they had gone thro' the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Nicoll* in Behalf of the Commissaries appointed on the Part of this Colony, to meet with the Commissaries of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in order to form a Settlement of a Partition Line of Jurisdiction between the two Governments, laid before the House a Journal of the Proceedings of the said Commissaries; which being read,

*Ordered,*

That the said Journal be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is referred.

*Resolved,*

That this House do provide, that the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* each, for apprehending *Ethan Allen* and *Remember Baker*, be allowed in Addition to the Rewards mentioned in the Resolution of this House of the 5th Day of *February* last.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon his Excellency's Speech and Messages, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they had made some further Progress therein, and to move for Leave to sit again: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House; and thereupon it was,

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

Mr. *Kissam* (according to Order) presented to the House, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower certain Persons therein named, to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes-Bay to the East-River, in King's County*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

And then the House adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 ho. P. M.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 6000 by Lottery or Lotteries, towards building a Province House and Secretary's-Office*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 4th March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Col. *Seaman* and Mr. *Walton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to discharge the County of Orange from the Payment of the Arrears of Taxes due from the Precinct of Minisink*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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Col. *P. Livingston* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill, for settling the controverted Boundaries between the patented Lands, called *Kayaderosseres* or *Queen's Borough*, in the County of *Albany*, and the several other Tracts of Lands to be therein mentioned.

Ordered,

That Leave be given accordingly.

A Petition of *Daniel Angvine* an insolvent Debtor, confined in Goal at *New-Rothelle*, in *Westchester* County, was presented to the House and read, praying a Bill may be brought in for his Relief.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Axtell*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Security and more easy Recovery of Rents, and Renewal of Leases, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Hugh Wallace*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 400, to finish the Court House and Goal in Goshen, in the County of Orange.* And,

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Abatement of Suits by the Death of the Parties.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Roger Morris*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House: Which engrossed Bill from the Council, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Oliver De Lancey*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to declare Harrifon's Purchase a Precinct independent and distinct from Rye.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more easy collecting his Majesty's Quit-Rents in the Oblong Patent, in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester, and for dividing the same into three Districts.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *John Harris Cruger*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making an Allowance of £. 5000, to his Excellency the Governor, as a Compensation, in Part, for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire*; without any Amendment.

The House (according to Order of Yesterday) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon his Excellency's Speech and Messages, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they had made some further Progress therein, and had directed him to move for Leave to sit again: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House; and thereupon it was

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several other Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.



4 ho. P. M.

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Petition of *Samuel Ellis*, and Ninety-nine other Persons, presented to this House the 23d ultimo, complaining of sundry Impositions from a Set of People calling themselves Tolerators, at *Brookhaven* and *Islip*, on *Nassau-Island*; reported, That he was directed by the Committee, to report to the House, that after Reading the Petition, and hearing the Allegations of the Petitioners, they are of Opinion, that the Secretary of this Colony, or his Deputy, be ordered to attend this Committee at Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning, with the Records of the First and Second Letters Patent for the Township of *Brookhaven*, and of the first Letters Patent to Colonel *William Smith*, for the Manor of *Saint George*, in *Suffolk County*; and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again: Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read.

*Resolved,*

That this House doth agree with the Committee in their said Report.

*Ordered,*

That the Clerk, or Assistant Clerk of this House, serve the Secretary of this Colony, or his Deputy, with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

*Resolved,*

That this House will again To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the subject Matter of the said Petition.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 5th March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Col. *P. Livingston* (according to Leave) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for settling the controverted Boundaries between the patented Lands called Kay-aderofferes, or Queensborough, in the County of Albany, and the several other Tracts of Land therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Col. *Ten Broeck* from the Committee to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. *Thomas* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Parishs and other Places, from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and struck out several Clauses; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

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Col. *Ten Broeck* (from the Committee of the whole House) to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady, in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Kissam* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to lay a Tax on the free Negroes, Mustees and Mulattoes within this Colony*; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House; that they are of Opinion the said Bill be not proceeded on; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

The House (according to Order of Yesterday) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the subject Matter of the Petition of *Samuel Ellis*, and Ninety-nine other Persons, referred to this House the 23d ultimo; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Kissam* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report their Proceedings thereupon to have been as follows, viz.

That the Deputy Secretary of this Colony, attending, according to Order of Yesterday, was called in, and produced the Records of the First and Second Letters Patent for the Township of *Brookhaven*, and of the first Letters Patent to Colonel *William Smith*, for the Mannor of *Saint George*; which having been severally read,

Col. *Woodhull* moved, That the aforesaid Petition be dismissed: Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Fauncey</i> ,        | Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,  |
| Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,          | Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,     |
| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,        | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,  |
| Col. <i>Woodhull</i> ,      | Col. <i>Philips</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,  |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> ,  | Capt. <i>Seaman</i> , |
| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , | Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,   |
| Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> ,    | Col. <i>Wells</i> .   |
| Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,         |                       |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,         |                       |

For the Negative.

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| Mr. Speaker,             |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,   |
| Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> . |

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. *Clinton* from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange, from the East Side of the Shawangonk Mountains to the Delaware River*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *De Noyelles* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1000, for the Purpose of Building a new Court-House and Goal, and for selling the Materials remaining of the old Court-House lately destroyed by Fire, on the South Side of the Mountains in the County of Orange*. And also the following Petitions, to wit.

A Petition



A Petition from *John Coe*, and 254 other Persons, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains in the said County, praying that the Place for building the said Court-House may be near *Daniel Coe's*, at *Kakiate*, alias *New-Hempstead*, or at *Abraham De Baan's*, about a half Mile West from said *Coe's*. A Petition from *Roelof Van Houten*, and 125 others, Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side of the Mountains in the said County, praying that the Place for building the said Court-House and Goal in that Part of the County, may be at a Place commonly called the City, which they conceive the most Central. And a Petition from *Teunes Har. Tallmon*, and 93 others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Haverstraw* and *Orange Town*, on the South Side of the Mountains in the said County, praying that the Place for building the said Court-House may be at *Clark's Town*; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to make the following Report thereupon to the House, *to wit*.

That after reading the Bill and Petitions through in the Committee, they were unanimously of Opinion, that the Court-House and Goal be built in the Precinct of *Haverstraw*, at a Place commonly called the City.

That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed.

*Gerard Bancker* delivered into the House his attested Account, and Vouchers of the Disposition of the £. 400 which he received in Consequence of a Resolution of this House of the 5th Day of *March* last, for repairing the Barracks erected in the City of *New-York*.

*Ordered,*

That the said Account and Vouchers be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

*Ordered,*

That *Abraham Lott*, Esq; Treasurer of this Colony, do give Notice in two of the public News-Papers, to all Persons who have any Bills of Credit of this Colony, which ought by Law to have been cancelled, to bring in the same and receive other Money in Exchange, out of such Monies as he shall have in his Hands, not appropriated for the Support of Government, in order to their being cancelled in the first Weeks in *June* and *November* next, and that the Commissioners for cancelling Bills of Credit, do from Time to Time examine and see that the Money due from the said Treasurer to the Colony is in the Treasury, and that they make Report thereof from Time to Time to this House.

*Ordered,*

That the Clerk or Assistant Clerk of this House, serve the Treasurer with a Copy of the foregoing Order forthwith.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech and the several Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration on *Monday* next.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Lunæ, 10 ho. A. M. the 7th March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange, from the East Side of the Shawangonk Mountains to the Delaware River*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Clinton* and Mr. *Gale*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.



The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating, and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brush* and Capt. *Seaman* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Parishs and other Places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Gale* and Mr. *Kissam* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Col. *P. Livingston* and Mr. *Jauncey* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Sum, not exceeding £. 1000, for Building a Court-House and Goal in the County of Orange, and for other Purposes therein-mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *De Noyelles* and Mr. *Ten Eyck* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for settling the controverted Boundaries between the patented Lands called Kayaderosseres, or Queensborough, in the County of Albany, and the several other Tracts of Land therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be postponed till the next Session; and that the Clerk of this House do in the Recess thereof (on Application to him made) furnish the Parties interested in either of the said Tracts of Land, with certified Copies of the said Bill, and that he forthwith cause a Copy of this Order to be published for four Weeks successively, in the *New-York Gazette or Weekly Mercury*, to the Intent that all Persons concerned may make their Objections, if any they have, why the said Bill should not pass into a Law, within fourteen Days after the Meeting of the next Session of General Assembly, after the first Day of *September* next.

Resolved,

That there be allowed in Addition to the £. 100 granted by a Law of this Colony, passed the 16th Day of *February*, 1771, entitled, *An Act for establishing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of New-York and Nova-Cæsarea, or New-Jersey, and for confirming Titles and Possessions*, such further Sum as shall be found necessary for defraying the Expence of running out and marking the said Boundary or Partition Line; not to exceed One Hundred Pounds.

And then the House adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 ho. P. M.

Mr. *Billogg* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the Militia of*



of the Colony of New-York; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that after Reading the Bill through in the Committee, he proceeded to read the same Paragraph by Paragraph: Whereupon Mr. De Noyelles moved that the following Clause be added to the Bill, *to wit.*

*And whereas it is conceived for the good of the Public Service, that every Militia Officer should dwell and reside in the respective County for which he shall or may be so Commissioned: Be it further Enacted by the same Authority, That no Militia Officer or Officers shall have or Exercise any Authority by Virtue of this Act, unless he dwells and resides in such respective County for which he shall be a Commissioned Officer, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.*

Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Brinckerhoff, | Mr. Speaker,       |
| Mr. Gale,         | Mr. Wilkins,       |
| Mr. Walton,       | Col. Seaman,       |
| Mr. De Lancey,    | Mr. Thomas,        |
| Mr. Rapalje,      | Capt. Seaman,      |
| Mr. Nicoll,       | Mr. Boerum,        |
| Mr. De Noyelles,  | Mr. Van Cortlandt. |
| Col. Philips.     |                    |

For the Negative.

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| Mr. Clinton,        |
| Col. Wells,         |
| Mr. De Witt,        |
| Col. P. Livingston, |
| Mr. Jauncey,        |
| Mr. Ten Eyck,       |
| Mr. Brush.          |

That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses be engrossed.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech, and the several Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 8th March, 1774.*

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony; and that Mr. Billopp and Mr. Brinckerhoff, prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered also,*

That a Bill be brought in for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons; and that Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Gale, prepare and bring in the same.

*Resolved,*

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, by this House, expressing the high Sense they entertain of the great and extensive Benefit derived to the Colony from the Uprightness, Justice, and Impartiality of his Administration; the deep Concern they feel on his approaching Departure; their ardent Desire of his speedy Return; their affectionate Wishes for the Welfare and Happiness of his Excellency and his Family; and their firm Reliance that he will represent to their most gracious Sovereign, the unshaken Loyalty of this his faithful Colony, and their steady and zealous Attachment to his sacred Person and Government.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Jauncey, and Mr. Brush be, and hereby are appointed a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address pursuant to the foregoing Resolution; and that they lay the same before this House with all convenient Speed.

Mr. Wilkins moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the taking of Oysters at certain Seasons of the Year, in that Part of the Sound or East-River, lying between the



the Place called *Thomas Hunt's Point* and *Frog's-Point*, opposite the Borough of *Westchester*: And upon Mr. Speaker's asking the House whether Mr. *Wilkins* have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to said Motion? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative in Manner following, viz.

## For the Affirmative.

Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Clinton*,  
Mr. *De Witt*,  
Mr. *Fauncey*,  
Col. *Ten Broeck*,  
Mr. *Van Cortlandt*,  
Col. *Wells*,  
Mr. *Gale*,  
Mr. *De Lancey*,  
Mr. *Ten Eyck*,  
Mr. *Thomas*,

## For the Negative.

Mr. *Walton*,  
Mr. *De Noyelles*,  
Col. *P. Livingston*,  
Mr. *Brinckerhoff*,  
Mr. *Brush*,  
Capt. *Seaman*,  
Mr. *Bilbo*,  
Mr. *Nicoll*,  
Col. *Seaman*,  
Col. *Philips*,  
Mr. *Rapalje*,  
Mr. *Boerum*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower certain Persons therein named, to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes-Bay to the East-River, in King's County, under certain Restrictions*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair, common, public and private Highways in the County of Orange*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The two following Messages from his Excellency the Governor, were brought to the House by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary, and the same being read, are as follow, viz.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Petition accompanying this Message, came to my Hands this Day, and altho' the Business of the Session must be nearly completed, yet the Utility of opening Roads in a Country newly settled, is so apparent, and the Arguments set forth in the Petition so forcible, that I cannot avoid recommending this Matter to your Countenance and Assistance.

NEW-YORK,  
8th March, 1774.

WM. TRYON.

GENTLEMEN,

MR. Justice *Ludlow* having suffered very considerably by a Fire, which at Midnight consumed his Dwelling House, almost all his Furniture and Library; I recommend it to you as a Measure both equitable and necessary, to make such Compensation to him for his heavy Loss, as will in some Degree enable him to bear so great a Calamity, and at the same Time, assist him to support with Dignity the important Office he sustains.

NEW-YORK,  
8th March, 1774.

WM. TRYON.

And then the Petition accompanying the foregoing Messages was also read.

Ordered,

That the said Messages and Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee to whom his Excellency's Speech is committed.

A Message



A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Henry White*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the Places therein mentioned*; with Amendments: Which Amendments having been read, are as follow, viz. In the Title, Line 3, strike out the Words [*in the Places therein mentioned*.] In the Preamble of the Bill, Lines 5, 6, and 7, strike out the Words [*in the Precincts of Gosben and Cornwall, in the County of Orange, and in the Manor of Livingston, in the County of Albany.*]

In the enacting Clause, Lines 5, 6, and 7, strike out the Words [*within the said Precincts of Gosben and Cornwall, in the County of Orange and Manor of Livingston.*]

And the said Amendments being severally read a second Time, Mr. Speaker asked the House whether they agreed to the same? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Col. *P. Livingston*,  
Mr. *Wilkins*,  
Mr. *Jauncey*,  
Mr. *De Noyelles*,  
Mr. *De Lancey*,  
Mr. *Gale*,  
Mr. *Clinton*,  
Mr. *Walton*.

For the Negative.

Mr. *Van Cortlandt*,  
Col. *Wells*,  
Mr. *Brush*,  
Mr. *Brinckerhoff*,  
Mr. *De Witt*,  
Col. *Philips*,  
Capt. *Seaman*,  
Mr. *Rapalje*,  
Mr. *Ten Eyck*,  
Mr. *Boerum*,  
Mr. *Nicoll*,  
Mr. *Thomas*,  
Col. *Seaman*,  
Col. *Ten Broeck*,  
Mr. *Billopp*.

And then the House adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 ho. P. M.

Mr. *Wilkins*, (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*; which was read the first Time and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Billopp*, (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony*; which was read the first Time and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clinton* from the Committee of the whole House to whom were referred the following Bills, to wit,

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to discharge the County of Orange from the Payment of the Arrears of Taxes due from the Precinct of Minisink.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New-York.*

And, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more easy Recovery of the Possession of Lands.*

Reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they are of Opinion, the foregoing Bills be not proceeded on this Session; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Resolved,

That his Excellency's Speech and the several Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

Mr. *Thomas* from the Committee to whom was referred the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

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Ordered,



*Ordered,*

That Mr. *De Witt* and Mr. *Thomas*, do carry back to the Council the aforesaid Bill, and acquaint them this House have passed the same without any Amendment.

Mr. *Brush* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act more effectually to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks*; reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House, that they are of Opinion that the Bill be not proceeded on this Session; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 9th March, 1774.*

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Committee of Correspondence laid before the House a Letter received by the Packet, from *Edmund Burke*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, at the Court of London, dated January 5th, 1774, and the same being read,

*Ordered,*

That the said Letter lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Hugh Wallace*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany, and County of Westchester.*

And, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Axtell*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries.*

And, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named.*

Mr. *Nicoll* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred, the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was read the third Time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Clinton* and Mr. *Nicoll* do carry back to the Council the aforesaid Bill, and acquaint them this House have passed the same without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising the Sum of £. 500, for reimbursing the Sums already expended in erecting Buildings for the Accommodation of Courts in the Township of King's-Land, and a Court-House and Goal in the Township of Newberry, in the County of Gloucester; and towards finishing the said Court-House and Goal*; was read the second Time, and upon Mr. Speaker's asking the Question, whether the Bill should be committed, it passed in the Negative.

*Resolved,*

That the said Bill be postponed till the next Session.

Mr.



Mr. *Brush* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for destroying Wolves in the County of Gloucester; and upon Mr. Speaker's asking whether Leave be given accordingly? it passed in the Negative.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. *Banyar*, Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor, requires the immediate Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber, in the City-Hall.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly, and being returned, resumed the Chair, and reported that his Excellency the Governor, in the Presence of the Council, and the Members of this House, was pleased to give his Assent to Twenty-nine Acts, the Titles whereof are as follow, viz.

An Act for making a further Provision of £. 2000, for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one Year.

An Act for making an Allowance of £. 5000, to his Excellency the Governor, as a Compensation, in Part, for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire.

An Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates.

An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises.

An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming.

An Act for the better Security and more easy Recovery of Rents, and Renewal of Leases, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants.

An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony.

An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony.

An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries.

An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence.

An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment, as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny.

An Act to prevent the Abatement of Suits by the Death of the Parties.

An Act to prevent the breaking or defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony.

An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New-York.

An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New-York, chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Cities of New-York and Albany, and County of Queen and Suffolk.

An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon.

An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany.

An additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County.

An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble-Town, in the County of Ulster.

An Act to raise the Sum of £. 400, to finish the Court House and Goal in the County of Orange.

An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the Year, in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess.

An Act for the more easy collecting his Majesty's Quit-Rents in the Oblong Patent, in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester, and for dividing the same into three Districts.

An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better clearing, regulating, and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester.

An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester; and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof.

An Act to declare Harrison's Purchase a Precinct independent and distinct from Rye.

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*An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland, and to facilitate the Raising the County Charges in the said County.*

*An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine, in the Manor of Livingston.*

*An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Billop* and Mr. *Rapalje* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Smith*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Amendment of the Law for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; which engrossed Bill from the Council was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

*Resolved,*

That his Excellency's Speech and the several Matters referred to the Committee thereupon, be taken into further Consideration To-Morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

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*By Virtue of an Order of the General Assembly,  
I do appoint Hugh Gaine to print these Votes,  
and that no other Person presume to print the same.*

JOHN CRUGER, Speaker.

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*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 10th March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the Amendment of the Law for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of *Pelbam, New-Rochelle*, and the Borough and Town of *Westchester*, was presented to the House and read, praying a Bill may be brought in to enable *Benjamin Palmer*, and *Samuel Rodman*, to build a free Draw-Bridge over the Narrows from *Miniford's-Island* to said *Rodman's-Neck*.

*Ordered,*

That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Petition, and that *Mr. Thomas* and *Mr. Van Cortlandt* prepare and bring in the same.

*Mr. Wilkins* from the Committee appointed the 8th Inst. to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency the Governor, pursuant to a Resolution entered into on that Day; reported, That they had prepared a Draught accordingly; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and thereupon it was

*Ordered,*

That the said Draught be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

*Mr. Thomas* (according to Order) presented to the House a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named to build a free Bridge over the Narrows from Miniford's-Island to Rodman's-Neck*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

*Mr. Gale* from the Committee to whom was referred, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying-out, and keeping in Repair common, public and private Highways in the County of Orange*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 ho. P. M.

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon his Excellency's Speech, Messages, &c.---After some Time spent therein *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Col. Seaman* reported, That he was directed by the Committee to report to the House that they had made some further Progress therein, and to move for Leave to sit again. Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and thereupon it was

*Resolved,*

That the same be taken into further Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 11th March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair common, public, and private Highways, in the County of Orange*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

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*Ordered,*



Ordered,

That Mr. *Gale*, and Col. *Ten Broeck* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Petition of *Robert Mc. Ginnis* was presented to the House and read, praying that a Sum of Money be allowed to enable him to undertake the Office of a Scavenger in the City of *New-York*, to which he has an Offer of being appointed by the Worshipful Mayor.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration to whom his former Petition presented to this House the 27th *January* last, is committed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker issue his Order to the Treasurer of this Colony to pay to *Edmund Burke*, Esq; Agent of this Colony at the Court of *London*, or to his Attorney, for so much Money as may be due to him, on Account of his Salary; and also the Sum of £. 140, for the contingent Charges of the said Agent.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Roger Morris*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange, from the East Side of the Shawangonk Mountains to the Delaware River.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying-out, regulating, and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Charles Ward Apthorpe*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places, from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady, in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.*

The House (according to Order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon his Excellency's Speech, Messages, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Col. *Seaman* reported, That after going through the same, he was directed by the Committee to make the following Report to the House, to wit.

That after Reading his Excellency's Message of the 1st Instant, they were of Opinion, that a Committee be appointed to fix on a suitable Place for building a Government House, and to prepare a Plan and an Estimate of the Expence.

That upon his asking the Question, whether the Committee to be appointed, should be directed to make their Report thereupon to the House this present Session of the General Assembly? Debates arose, and the Question having been put, it was carried in the Affirmative in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,        | Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Ten Eyck</i> ,     | Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , |
| Col. <i>Wells</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Watson</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,      | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> .        |
| Mr. <i>De Lancey</i> ,    |                             |
| Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,         |                             |
| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , |                             |
| Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,       |                             |
| Mr. Speaker,              |                             |

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Clinton</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,      |
| Mr. <i>Thomas</i> ,        | Capt. <i>Seaman</i> ,    |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> , | Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,     |
| Col. <i>Philips</i> ,      | Col. <i>Ten Broeck</i> . |
| Mr. <i>Billock</i> ,       |                          |
| Col. <i>Woodbull</i> ,     |                          |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,       |                          |
| Mr. <i>De Witt</i> ,       |                          |

That



That after Reading his Excellency's Message of the 2d ultimo, respecting the Post Road to *Connecticut*, it was

*Resolved,*

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed until next Session.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto his Excellency the Governor, for purchasing Gun Powder for the Use of *Fort-George*, and the Battery, in the City of *New-York*, the Sum of £. 100.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto his said Excellency, for Monies paid by him to the Surveyors which have been employed on the Part of this Colony, to run out and mark the Partition Line between the said Colony and that of *Quebec*, as per Account, the Sum of £. 33<sup>1</sup> 3 9.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *William Nicoll*, Esq; one of the Commissaries appointed on the Part of this Colony, to meet with the Commissaries of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in order to settle a Line of Partition between the two Governments, the Sum of £. 56 13 3.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the said *William Nicoll*, appointed to superintend the running out and marking the said Line of Partition, the Sum of £. 125 9 10.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Honourable *William Smith*, Esq; one other of the Commissaries appointed on the Part of this Colony, to settle a Line of Partition between this Colony and the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, the Sum of £. 67 15 3.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Hon. *John Watts*, Esq; one other of the Commissaries appointed for the Purpose aforesaid, the Sum of £. 56 13 3.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Hon. *Robert R. Livingston*, Esq; the other Commissary appointed for the Purpose aforesaid, the Sum of £. 56 13 3.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Gerard Bancker*, for his Services as Clerk to the aforesaid Commissaries, and Expences, the Sum of £. 45 18 5.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the said *Gerard Bancker*, for his Services, as Surveyor in running, in Part, the Line of Partition between this Colony and the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and Expences, the Sum of £. 69 3 5.

*Resolved,*

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *John Collins*, for a Ballance due him for Monies advanced in running out and marking the Partition Line between this Colony and *Quebec*, the Sum of £. 7 13 6.

That when they came to the Account of *Claud J. Sauthier*, mentioned in his Excellency's Message of the 14th ultimo, for Services done, and Money expended in running and marking the Division Line between this Colony and *Quebec*, he asked the Committee whether it was their Opinion the said Account be allowed? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For



For the Affirmative.  
 Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ten Eyck,  
 Mr. Jauncey, Mr. Van Cortlandt,  
 Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Thomas,  
 Mr. Billopp, Col. Wells,  
 Mr. Clinton, Mr. Wilkins,  
 Mr. Brush, Col. P. Livingston,  
 Mr. De Witt, Mr. Walton,  
 Col. Ten Broeck.

For the Negative.  
 Capt. Seaman,  
 Mr. Rapalje,  
 Mr. Boerum,  
 Mr. Brinckerhoff,  
 Mr. De Noyelles,  
 Mr. Gale.

Resolved therefore,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Claude J. Sauthier*, in full, for the Balance of his Account, for Days Wages and Travelling Expences in running and marking the Division Line between this Colony and *Quebec*, the Sum of

£. 77 4 0

That a Motion was made by Mr. *Thomas*, in the following Words, to wit.

Mr. Chairman,

I MOVE, That there be allowed to *Richard Morris*, Esq; for his several Services for the Year past, in going the Circuits, and attending thereon, for trying Criminals, the Sum of £. 150 : On which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.  
 Mr. Wilkins, Mr. De Noyelles,  
 Mr. Thomas, Mr. Brush,  
 Col. Ten Broeck, Mr. Ten Eyck,  
 Mr. Gale, Col. Wells,  
 Mr. Clinton, Mr. Van Cortlandt,  
 Mr. De Witt, Col. P. Livingston.

For the Negative.  
 Mr. Walton, Mr. Rapalje,  
 Mr. Speaker, Mr. Billopp,  
 Mr. Boerum, Capt. Seaman,  
 Mr. Brinckerhoff, Mr. Jauncey.  
 Mr. Nicoll,

Resolved therefore,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto *Richard Morris*, Esq; for his Services for the Year past, in going the Circuits, and attending thereon, for the Trial of Criminals, the Sum of

£. 150 0 0

That after reading his Excellency's Message of the 8th Instant, he asked the Committee, Whether it was their Opinion an Allowance should be made to Mr. Justice *Ludlow*, as recommended in the said Message ? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For the Affirmative.  
 Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ten Eyck,  
 Mr. Jauncey, Mr. Rapalje,  
 Mr. Walton, Mr. Brush,  
 Mr. Gale, Mr. De Noyelles,  
 Mr. Wilkins, Col. Ten Broeck,  
 Mr. Clinton, Col. Wells,  
 Col. P. Livingston.

For the Negative.  
 Mr. Boerum,  
 Mr. Brinckerhoff,  
 Mr. De Witt,  
 Mr. Nicoll,  
 Mr. Billopp,  
 Capt. Seaman,  
 Mr. Van Cortlandt,  
 Mr. Thomas.

Resolved therefore,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Hon. *George D. Ludlow*, Esq; the Sum of £. 500, as a Compensation, in some Measure, for the Loss of his Library, lately consumed by Fire:

That when they came to the Petition and Accounts of *Mary Valentine*, Relict of *Thomas Valentine*, deceased, for his Services as Surveyor, in running and marking the Division Line between this Colony and *Quebec*, he asked the Committee, Whether it was their Opinion that any Part of the said Accounts be allowed ? Upon which Debates arose, and the Question having been put thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative, in Manner following, viz.

For



For the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker, Capt. Seaman,  
Mr. Billopp, Col. P. Livingston,  
Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Van Cortlandt,  
Mr. Brush, Col. Philips,  
Col. Ten Broeck, Mr. De Witt,  
Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Ten Eyck,  
Mr. Jauncey, Mr. Walton.

For the Negative.

Mr. Boerum,  
Mr. De Noyelles,  
Mr. Gale,  
Mr. Rapalje,  
Mr. Thomas,  
Mr. Brinckerhoff.

Resolved therefore,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there be allowed unto the Executors or Administrators of *Thomas Valentine*, deceased, in full of his Account against this Colony, for Services and Expences, as Surveyor, in running and marking the Partition Line between this Colony and *Quebec*, the Sum of £. 300 0 0

Which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House, excepting that Part thereof which relates to the Government House: Upon which Debates arose, and the Question being put, it was carried, that the Committee to be appointed, make their Report to this House the next Session.

Ordered,

That the Committee to whom is committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; add proper Clauses to the same, for the foregoing Allowances.

Ordered,

That the Members of the City of *New-York*, be a Committee to fix on a suitable Place for building a Government House, and to prepare a Plan or Plans, and an Estimate of the Expence, and that they make Report thereof to this House at the next Session.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Oliver De Lancey*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*; with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House; and the said Amendments being read, are as follow, viz.

Page 3, Line 6, after the Words (*may be*) insert the Words (*having superior Rank to the Commanding Officer of such unregimented independent Company or Troop.*) Line 8, instead of the Words (*all other Troops*) insert the Words (*in all other Troops of Horse.*) Page 10, Line 3, strike out the Clause in the following Words.

*And whereas it is conceived for the Good of the Public Service, that every Militia Officer should dwell and reside in the respective County for which he shall be so commissioned:* Be it further Enacted by the same Authority, *That no Militia Officer or Officers shall have or Exercise any Authority by Virtue of this Act, unless he dwells and resides in such respective County for which he shall be a commissioned Officer, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.* Which Amendments having been severally read a second Time,

Ordered,

That the said Amendments be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 ho. P. M.

The House met, and adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 12th March, 1774.*

Ordered,

That the Amendments sent down from the Council Yesterday to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*, be taken into Consideration on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next, 10 o'Clock in the Morning.

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*Die Lunæ, 10 ho. A. M. the 14th March, 1774.*

The House met, and adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 ho. P. M.

A Petition of *Samuel Hallet*, of *Hallet's-Cove*, in *Queen's County*, was presented to the House and read, praying some Compensation for his heavy Loss by Fire, in the Year 1770.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Hugh Wallace*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1000, for Building a Court-House and Goal in the County of Orange, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair, common, public and private Highways in the County of Orange.*

*Mr. De Noyelles* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom were referred the several Petitions of Insolvent Debtors, and to whom were also referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*: And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony*; reported, That they had gone through the same, made several Amendments to the said Bills; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bills with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bills, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

*Col. P. Livingston* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 6000, by Lottery or Lotteries, towards Building a Province House and Secretary's Office*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

*Mr. Fauncey* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named, to lay a Road thro' the Land of Adolph Myer, to Mutie David's Fly, in the Township of Haerlem*; reported, That they had gone thro' the Bill, and altered the Title, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Alteration, in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Alteration, be engrossed.

*Ordered,*

That the Amendments made and sent down by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*; be taken into Consideration To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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*Die Martis, 10 ho. A. M. the 15th March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to raise the Sum of £. 12000, by Lottery or Lotteries, towards Building a Province House and Secretary's Office*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Col. *P. Livingston* and Mr. *Rapalje*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Walton* and Mr. *Boerum*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Road through the Land of Adolph Myer, to Mutie David's-Fly, in the Township of Haerlem*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Jauncey*, and Mr. *De Noyelles*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Col. *Philips* and Capt. *Seaman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Order of the Day being read, the House proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendments made and sent down by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker put the Question on the first and second Amendments, to which the House agreed *Nemine Contradicente*.

That on Mr. Speaker's asking the House, whether they agreed to the last Amendment for striking out the Clause to prevent Non-Residents from holding Commissions in the Militia? Debates arose, and the Question being put thereon, it was carried in the Negative, in Manner following, *viz.*

For the Negative.

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| Mr. <i>Brinckerhoff</i> , | Capt. <i>Seaman</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Gale</i> ,         | Mr. <i>Rapalje</i> ,  |
| Mr. <i>De Noyelles</i> ,  | Mr. <i>Boerum</i> ,   |
| Col. <i>Seaman</i> ,      | Col. <i>Philips</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,       | Mr. <i>Walton</i> .   |

For the Affirmative.

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| Col. <i>P. Livingston</i> , |
| Mr. <i>Brush</i> ,          |
| Col. <i>Wells</i> ,         |
| Mr. <i>Jauncey</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Wilkins</i> ,        |
| Mr. <i>Van Cortlandt</i> .  |

*Ordered therefore,*

That Mr. *Gale* and Mr. *Rapalje*, do carry back to the Council the said Bill and Amendments, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the first and second Amendments, and disagreed to the last.

Mr. *Jauncey* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*



*Resolved,*  
That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*  
That Mr. Jauncey and Capt. Seaman, do carry back to the Council, the said Bill, and acquaint them this House have passed the same without any Amendment.

And then the House adjourned till 4 o'Clock this Afternoon.

4 ho. P. M.

Col. Seaman from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower certain Persons therein named, to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes-Bay to the East-River, in King's County, under certain Restrictions*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*  
That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, be engrossed.  
Mr. De Noyelles from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Persons therein named to erect a public Bridge across Haerlem River*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*  
That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.  
Mr. Gale from the Committee of the whole House to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*  
That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

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*By Virtue of an Order of the General Assembly,*  
*I do appoint Hugh Gaine to print these Votes,*  
*and that no other Person presume to print the same.*  
JOHN CRUGER, Speaker.

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VOTES *and* PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Colony of *NEW-YORK*.*Die Mercurij, 10 ho. A. M. the 16th March, 1774.*

**T**HE engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Lewis Morris and John Sickels, to erect and build a Bridge across Haerlem River*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*That Mr. *Walton* and Mr. *Wilkins*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*That Mr. *De Noyelles* and Col. *Wells*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower certain Persons therein named, to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes-Bay to the East-River, in King's County, under certain Restrictions*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*That Mr. *Gale* and Col. *Seaman*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.*Resolved,*

That no Petition or Petitions of any Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, for the Purpose of being discharged from their Debts, be hereafter read or proceeded on in this House, unless such petitioning Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, shall have advertized his, her or their Intention of presenting such Petition or Petitions, in the *New-York Gazette*, or *Weekly Mercury*, at least ten Weeks previous to the Presentation thereof: And that Petitions to be presented after Notice given as aforesaid, shall contain a Schedule, attested to under Oath, of the Names of the Petitioners Creditors, and the Sums owing to each of such Creditors respectively; and the Time such Petitioners have been in actual Confinement.

The House having taken into Consideration the Overture made to his Excellency Governor *Tryon*, by *John Collins*, to compleat the Extension of the Boundary Line between this Colony, and the Province of *Quebec*, to Lake *St. Francois*, as mentioned in his Excellency's Message of the 17th ultimo; thereupon came to the following Resolution, *to wit*.

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*Resolved,*



*Resolved,*

That this House will make Provision for the Payment of £. 50 Sterling, to John Collins, Esq; Deputy Surveyor General at Quebec, or to his Order, for compleating the Running the Line of Partition between the two Governments, when the said Service shall be actually performed.

Mr. Walton from the Committee of the whole House, to whom were referred the Petitions of Robert McGinnis; reported, That he was directed by the said Committee to report to the House, that they had taken into Consideration the said Petitions, and are of Opinion, that Provision be made to pay to Joseph Bull, the Sum of £. 150, to be by him laid out in such Manner as he shall think will be most beneficial for the Support of the said Robert McGinnis; which Report he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read.

*Resolved,*

That this House doth agree with the Committee in their said Report, and that the Treasurer of this Colony, on Application to him made by the said Joseph Bull, pay him the aforesaid Sum of £. 150, for the Use above-mentioned.

Mr. Walton then also from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill, with the Amendments and Clauses, be engrossed.

Mr. Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the Amendment of the Law for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill without any Amendment; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Jauncey and Mr. Nicoll, do carry back to the Council, the aforesaid Bill, and acquaint them that this House have passed the same without any Amendment.

Mr. Walton from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New-York*; reported, That they had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added a Clause thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments and Clause in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the Bill with the Amendments and Clause be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*Die Jovis, 10 ho. A. M. the 17th March, 1774.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New-York*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved,*

That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*



Ordered,

That Capt. *Seaman* and Col. *Philips*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Col. *Seaman* and Mr. *Boerum*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Jauncey* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was referred the Draught of an Address to his Excellency the Governor; reported, That they had gone thro' the same, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Draught, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Draught, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

Resolved,

That this House will make Provision for the Payment of £. 500, to the Proprietors of a Piece of Wood-Land on the Point of *Babanna's-Island*, opposite to *Hell-Gate*, as soon as they shall have cut down the Wood standing thereon; and that the Members for the City of *New-York* and *King's County*, or the major Part of them, be a Committee to agree with the said Proprietors in Behalf of this Colony, and to see the Work carried into Execution.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *John Harris Cruger*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*.

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Road through the Land of Adolph Myer, to Mutie David's-Fly, in the Township of Haerlem*.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor, was read and approved of by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker sign the said Address, in Behalf of the House; which is in the Words following, viz.

To his Excellency WILLIAM TRYON, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Colony of New-York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the General Assembly of the said Colony.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*, beg Leave, before your Excellency's Departure, once more to express the grateful Sense we entertain of the Uprightness and Integrity of your Conduct, during your Administration of this Government:—We think it our Duty, as the Representatives of a free and happy People, to pay this Tribute of Applause and Acknowledgment to a Governor who has so eminently distinguished himself by his constant Attention to their Welfare and Prosperity; and doubt not that our  
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most gracious Sovereign will reward you, when you have the Honour to appear before him, with every Mark of Approbation, which the faithful Discharge of all the Duties of your important Station so justly merits.

We assure your Excellency, we not only esteem your public Character, but we revere your private Virtues.—Your Humanity, your Beneficence and Liberality to the Poor and Distressed, and your Affability to all who have had the Honour of a nearer Connection with you, in Concerns either of a public or private Nature, have rendered you doubly dear to the Inhabitants of this Colony: When such are the genuine Sentiments of our Hearts, which we are conscious are the Sentiments also of the Inhabitants of this Colony, can we entertain a Doubt of your representing both them and us, to our most gracious Sovereign in our true Character, as a loyal and affectionate People, warmly devoted to his sacred Person, and zealously attached to his Government.

We look forward to your Excellency's approaching Departure, with extreme Concern, which Nothing can alleviate but the Hopes of your speedy Return: Indeed your well known Regard and Attachment to this grateful Colony, give us the strongest Assurances that those Hopes will not be vain, and at the same Time convince us, that during your Absence, you will exert all your Influence to promote its Welfare and Prosperity.

Permit us now to take our Leave of your Excellency, and to wish you and your Family a safe and pleasant Passage to your native Country.—May Health, Honour and Happiness be your constant Attendants through this Life, and may the Almighty reward you with never ending Felicity in the Life to come.

*By Order of the General Assembly,*

Assembly Chamber, City of New-York,  
17th March, 1774.

**JOHN CRUGER, *Speaker.***

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Wilkins* and Mr. *Nicoll*, wait on his Excellency the Governor, to know when and where he will be pleased to be attended by this House, with their humble Address.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Veneris, 10 ho. A. M. the 18th March, 1774.*

The House being informed that a Report has been propagated by some designing Person declaring that this House passed Bills on *Monday* last, with only 15 Members.

*Resolved,*

That the said Report is false, scandalous and malicious, and a high Contempt against the Authority and Dignity of this House, and calculated to inflame the Minds of the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Mr. *Nicoll* reported, That Mr. *Wilkins* and himself had waited on his Excellency the Governor, to know when and where he would be pleased to be waited on by this House with their humble Address; and that his Excellency had been pleased to say, he would receive it To-morrow Morning, and would send a Message to acquaint the House where and at what Time.

A Message



A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Axtell*, Esq; acquainting this House that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony.*

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Henry White*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the two following Bills, without any Amendment, viz.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange.*

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Lewis Morris and John Sickels, to erect and build a Bridge across Haerlem River.*

Ordered,

That the Trustees of the late Treasurer's Estate, prepare a State of the said late Treasurer's Accounts with this Colony, and lay them before the House at the next Session; and that they use their best Endeavours to collect what Monies are still outstanding and due to the said Estate, in order to their being paid into the Treasury.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *William Smith*, Esq; acquainting this House that he was directed by the Council to return to the House the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York*; with the Amendments made thereto by the Council; and that they adhere to their third or last Amendment.

Resolved,

That this House do not agree to the said third and last Amendment, but adhere to the Bill.

A Message from the Council by the Honourable *Roger Morris*, Esq; acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower certain Persons therein named, to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes-Bay to the East-River, in King's County, under certain Restrictions*; without any Amendment.

And then the House adjourned till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Die Sabbati, 10 ho. A. M. the 19th March, 1774.*

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Col. *Edmund Fanning*, his private Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

*His Excellency the Governor is ready to receive the Address of this House, at the House of Lord Stirling, in Broad-Street.*

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly; and being returned, resumed the Chair and reported, That the House had attended his Excellency the Governor, with their humble Address, and that his Excellency had been pleased to return the following Answer thereto; and the same being read, is in these Words, to wit.

GENTLEMEN,

**I** Thank you for this truly loyal and affectionate Address, but have not Words fully to express my Sense of the Honor conferred on me by this distinguishing Testimony of your Approbation of my Conduct during my Administration, nor can I sufficiently thank you for the friendly Terms in which you have been pleased to communicate your own Affection and Regard towards me, and the Assurances of a corresponding Disposition in the Inhabitants of this Province.—In full Confidence and ample Experience of your Loyalty and

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*Affection to the best of Kings, I shall with the most pleasing Satisfaction represent both you, and them, as warmly and zealously attached to his Majesty's Person and Government.*

*My grateful Acknowledgments are likewise due to you for your Consideration of my Losses by the late Fire. A Compensation that I esteem, as being both very honourable and liberal.*

*Though I cannot take my Departure from this Colony without Emotions of real Concern, yet I flatter myself the Re-establishment of my much impaired State of Health, and his Majesty's most gracious Indulgence to my Wishes, will allow me soon to return to a Country I view with Affection, and whose Interest I have so much at Heart, that it cannot fail of being made during my Absence, the Object of my peculiar Attention.*

*Under the Impressions of a real and generous Attachment to the Interest of this Province, and a just Sense of the warm Desires and steady Pursuits you have testified in Support of the Honor of his Majesty's Government, the Prosperity of his People, and the Success of my Administration, it is with Pain, Gentlemen, I now take my Leave of you; and while I thank you for your good Wishes for a pleasant Voyage to myself and Family, Gratitude prompts a Return of my ardent Hopes that the Inhabitants of this happy Land may uninterruptedly enjoy every possible Felicity.*

NEW-YORK,  
19th March, 1774.

WM. TRYON.

Ordered,

That Hugh Gaine, public Printer, deliver to Peter Van Schaack, Esq; a Set of the Laws of this Colony, of his Revival, neatly bound, as a Mark of the Approbation of this House, of his having well and faithfully performed that Service.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Banyar, Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor requires the immediate Attendance of this House, in the Council-Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended accordingly; where his Excellency the Governor, in the Presence of the Council and the Members of this House, was pleased to give his Assent to fifteen Acts passed this Session, the Titles whereof are as follow, viz.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates.

An Act for the Amendment of the Law for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries.

An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same.

An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady, in the said County, to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.

An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange, from the East Side of the Shawangonk Mountains to the Delaware River.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange.

An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, and keeping in Repair, common, public and private Highways in the County of Orange.

An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding £. 1000, for Building a Court-House and Goal in the County of Orange, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

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*An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating, and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte.*

*An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*

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*An Act for laying a Road through the Land of Adolph Myer, to Mutie David's-Fly, in the Township of Haerlem.*

*An Act to enable Lewis Morris and John Sickles to erect and build a Bridge across Haerlem River.*

*An Act to empower certain Persons therein named, to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes Bay to the East River, in King's County, under certain Restrictions.*

And then his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly till Tuesday, the 17th Day of May next.

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*By Virtue of an Order of the General Assembly,  
I do appoint Hugh Gaine to print these Votes,  
and that no other Person presume to print the same.  
JOHN CRUGER, Speaker.*

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